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The Tariff Bill Passed by the House.

The Tax on Whisky 90 Cents per Gallon.

The Postoffice and Army Appropriation Bills Passed by the Senate.

WASHINGTON, February 23, 1875.

SENATE.

Equalizing Bounties.

Mr. LOGAN, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported back the House bill to equalize bounties of soldiers who served in the late war.

Another Rebellion Looming Up.

Mr. SPENCER presented a memorial of Republican members of the General Assembly of Alabama, addressed to the President and Congress, claiming that the change made by the Alabama Legislature in the penal code of the State made a system of involuntary servitude for African citizens, that 95,000 Republican voters were disfranchised by political legislation, that Democrats proposed acts amounting to a practical nullification of the Constitutional amendments, and, finally, asking Congress to empower the President to suspend the writ of *habeas corpus* in certain contingencies in order to preserve public peace in the Southern States. Referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Postoffice Appropriation Bill.

The Senate then resumed consideration of the Postoffice Appropriation bill, the pending question being upon the section in the bill as it came from the House repealing the act of June 1st, 1872, authorizing the Pacific Mail contract, should be stricken out.

After debate, a vote was taken on the question of striking out the repealing clause, and resulted: Yeas 11, nays 52. The action of the House repealing the contract of 1872 for additional subsidy was concurred in.

Mr. EDMUNDS, from the Judiciary Committee, submitted a report on the question whether the contract with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company for semi-monthly China mail service is still obligatory on the United States. The committee reports that in their opinion the Government is not bound in law to carry this contract into effect. The main reason assigned for this conclusion is that the company did not furnish the ships required for the additional service at the proper time, and that the Postmaster General had no lawful authority to accept the vessels when they were tendered, and his action cannot bind the Government.

Army Appropriation Bill.

The Postoffice Appropriation bill having been read the third time and passed, the Senate took up the Army Appropriation bill.

The amendments proposed by the Committee on Appropriations were disposed of as follows:

Striking out the proviso that hereafter when troops or officers change stations their families shall receive transportation over and grant and subsidized railroads which receive no payments from the United States. Agreed to.

Increasing the appropriation for hire of quarters for officers and troops, safekeeping of stores, &c., from $1,400,000 to $1,500,000. Agreed to—yeas 26, nays 24.

Striking out the proviso that no part of the money for the purchase and manufacture of clothing, preserving and repacking stock, &c., shall be paid for the use of any patent process for the preservation of cloth from mold or mildew. Rejected.

Increasing the appropriation for the manufacture of metallic ammunition for small arms from seventy-five thousand to one hundred thousand dollars. Agree to.

Appropriating twenty thousand dollars for overhauling and repairing ordnance, protecting armament in sea coast defences, dismounting guns, &c. Agreed to.

Increasing the appropriation for the manufacture at national armories of the new model breech-loading musket and carbine adopted upon the recommendation of the Board of Officers convened under the act of June 6th, 1872, from one hundred thousand to two hundred thousand dollars. Agreed to.

Excepting District Attorneys and clerks of courts of the United States from the operation of the clause providing that hereafter only actual traveling expenses shall be allowed to any person holding employment or appointment under the United States. Agreed to.

Mr. SHERMAN submitted as an additional section the bill which passed the House on the 6th of January last, for the relief of certain States and Territories on account of ordnance stores issued to them during the civil war, for which purpose it made issues of arms and ordnance stores made to States and Territories between the first day of January, 1861, and the ninth of April, 1865, having been made for the maintenance and preservation of the Union, the Secretary of War may credit the several States and Territories with the sum charged to them respectively for arms and other ordnance stores. Agreed to.

Mr. HARVEY submitted an amendment authorizing the expenditure of fifty thousand dollars before the end of the present fiscal year for supplies when it may be found to the advantage of the Government to purchase immediately. Agreed to.

On motion of Mr. BOGY, the whole clause relating to the payment of railroads was stricken out, with the understanding that the matter should go to a committee of conference, with the view of perfecting a section.

The bill was then reported to the Senate, and the amendments made in Committee of the Whole agreed to.

It was then read a third time and passed.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

The Tariff Bill.

Upon a motion of Mr. DAWES, the House agreed to take up the Tariff bill. All amendments to the eighth section were rejected, after which Mr. DAWES offered an additional section, exempting bolting cloth from duty, and savings bank receipts from stamp tax, which was adopted.

Mr. LOUGHRIDGE offered an additional section, reimposing the income tax, and providing machinery for its collection, which was adopted by the following vote—yeas 106, noes 87. The section provides that three per cent. shall be collected on incomes between three and ten thousand dollars, and five per cent. upon incomes above ten thousand dollars.

Mr. KELLOGG moved to strike out the enacting clause, which would have defeated the whole bill, but which was rejected—ayes 102, nays 113.

Mr. COTTON offered an amendment as an additional section, providing for a tax of ten cents per pound on tea and two cents on coffee. Rejected.

After the adoption of an amendment providing for a tax of one-tenth of one per cent. on all sales of gold and stocks, Mr. DAWES moved to strike out the enacting clause, which was carried. He then moved that the Committee of the Whole rise, and that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Means, with instructions to report it back with a tax on whisky at ninety cents, with the tax on tobacco and snuff as in the amended bill, and reducing the ten per cent. on manufactured goods, and on that he moved the previous question.

The previous question was seconded, and the main question ordered—yeas 133, nays 114.

The substitute was agreed to—yeas 131, nays 111.

The question then recurred on ordering the bill to be engrossed and read a third time, on which he moved the previous question.

The previous question was seconded by the necessary two-thirds, and the bill was then passed—yeas 125, nays 101.

The following is the text of the bill as passed:

That from and after the date of the passage of this act, there shall be levied and collected on all distilled spirits thereafter produced in the United States, a tax of ninety cents on each proof gallon, or wine gallon when below proof, to be paid by the distiller, owner or person having possession thereof before removal from the distillery or bonded warehouse, and so much of section 3,251 of the Revised Statutes of the United States as is inconsistent is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. That section 3,368 of the Revised Statutes be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "twenty cents a pound" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "twenty-five cents a pound." Provided that section 3,394 of the Revised Statutes be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the word "five" whenever it occurred therein, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "six," and by striking out the word "sixty" and inserting "seventy-five" [increasing the duty on cigars from $5 to $6 a thousand and on cigarettes from $2.50 to $2.75—Reporter.] Provided that the increase of tax herein provided for shall not apply to tobacco, cigars or cigarettes on which tax under the existing law shall have been paid when this act takes effect.

SEC. 3. That on all molasses, concentrated molasses, tank-bottoms, syrup of sugar-cane juice, melada, and on sugar according to the Dutch standard of color imported from foreign countries, there shall be levied, collected and paid, in addition to the duties now imposed in schedule G, section 2,504 of the Revised Statistics, an amount equal to 25 per cent. of said duties as levied upon the several articles and grades herein designated. Provided that concentrated melada, or concrete, shall hereafter be classed as sugar, dutiable according to the color of the Dutch standard, and melada shall be known and defined as an article made in the process of sugar making, being cane juice boiled down to the sugar point and containing all the sugar and molasses resulting from the boiling process, without any process of purging or clarification, and any and all productions of sugar cane imported in bags, mats, baskets or other than tight packages shall be considered sugar, and dutiable as such. And, provided, further, that of the drawback on the refined sugars exported, allowed by section 3,019 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, only one per cent. of the amount so allowed shall be retained by the United States.

SEC. 4. That so much of section 2,503 of ninety per centum of the several duties and rates of duty imposed on certain articles therein enumerated by section 2,504 shall be levied, collected and paid, be and the same is hereby repealed, and the several duties and rates of duty prescribed in said section 2,504 shall be and remain as by that section levied, without abatement of ten per centum, as provided in section 2,503.

SEC. 5. That the increase of duties provided by this act shall not apply to any goods, wares or merchandise actually on shipboard and bound to the United States on or before the tenth day of February, 1875, nor any such goods, wares or merchandise on deposit in warehouses or public stores at the date of the passage of this act.

SEC. 6. Provides that nothing in the act of February 8th, 1875 (the "Little Tariff Act") shall be construed to impose any duty on bolting cloths heretofore admitted free of duty, or to require the use of stamps on entries of receipts in pass books of savings banks.

The House then adjourned.

THE WEATHER.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER,
WASHINGTON, D. C., 1 A. M., Feb. 24, 1875.

Probabilities for To-day.

For the Middle States, falling, followed by rising, barometer, southerly winds, slightly warmer, cloudy or rainy weather.

THE BEECHER TRIAL.

The Examination of Witnesses for the Prosecution Concluded.

NEW YORK, February 23, 1875.

The Brooklyn City Court room was packed this morning with spectators almost as soon as the doors were thrown open, and the corridors were filled with a dense crowd struggling to gain admittance. Judge Neilson looked fresh after his three days' rest, and the counsel appeared recruited. The defendant bustled into the Court room, accompanied by his wife, who sat along side of Edward Beecher and his wife and another lady. Mrs. Moulton entered with ex-Judge Fullerton and her uncle, Mr. J. P. Robinson. Mrs. Tilton was, as usual, seated beside her female friends, and Mr. Tilton occupied his customary place.

Mrs. Moulton Again on the Stand.

When the Court was declared open, Mrs. Moulton resumed the stand, and her cross-examination was continued by Mr. Evarts. She testified: I said in my direct examination that I brought Mrs. Woodhull to my house three or four times; I remember bringing her three times, but not the fourth; I recollect visiting her on one occasion with Mr. Tilton, but I think I did not bring her on that occasion to the house; I have no recollection of the time of day when I went to Mrs. Woodhull's with Mr. Tilton, nor can I tell what time I got back; think I made only a short call upon her; I cannot remember the year in which I had all my visits; I kept no diary where in the same year, but whether in the year on the calendar or in the space of the year I do not know; I have given you all that I know of

My Visits to Mrs. Woodhull's House

on all other occasions except when Mr. Tilton accompanied me; I brought Mrs. Woodhull to my house; don't remember if I took her back, but I think I did; I do not remember going on any other errands in regard to this business, either at my husband's or Tilton's request. George C. Robinson is an uncle of mine, and a member of the firm of Woodruff & Robinson, and brother of Jeremiah P. Robinson; the conversation with George C. Robinson, which I have related, was in the beginning of the trouble; I think it was in the fall of 1871; I think I reported the interview I had with Mr. Tilton shortly after to Mr. Moulton. The conversation with Mr. Robinson in August, when Moulton was about to make his statement to the committee. He spoke angrily to Frank about not making his statement before the committee. I heard angry words from where I was in the back room, and went in and reproved him. I may have called Tilton

A Villain

on that occasion. I went to Narragansett in July, and think I remained there six weeks. I was absent from home all time, I remember my husband coming there, but at what time in the same month I do not know. I remember meeting Mrs. Dennis at Newport in 1873 and 1874. Mrs. Dennis's name I do not recollect, and am sure I never told her that Beecher was an innocent man, or words to that effect.

Mr. Evarts concluded his cross-examination here, and Mr. Fullerton began the redirect examination. The witness replied: I had a conversation with George C. Robinson after Beecher's frequent visits to my husband, but not after the Beecher and Plymouth church. These visits to Mrs. Woodhull were caused by her

Threats to Publish the Scandal Story.

The last time I saw Mrs. Woodhull was when she came to the house to ask Frank to assist her to raise some money, which was after the publication of the story. Beecher was at dinner in our house in 1871. Mrs. Woodhull was also there. This was after Mrs. Tilton's threats to publish the story. I think it was Moulton who first spoke to me about being a witness in this case after the suit was brought. When I kissed Beecher I was sorry at the anguish he exhibited. He was crying, and I was crying, and I felt as if I was

In the Presence of Death.

I thought that I should never see him again, as I was afraid he was about to commit suicide. I remember also on Friday evening Beecher came into the room, very much depressed, and I put my hands on his shoulder, and said: "Frank, take care of this good man." On the evening I kissed Beecher on the forehead I told Frank when he returned of the interview and what I had done. I did not intend to visit Elizabeth Clinton street frequently, and took no meals there regularly until after July, 1870. The short statement of my husband was a subject of conversation between him and Beecher in July, 1874. My husband said, "Do you consider this statement an honorable one?" and Mr. Beecher said he did. On one occasion, at a meeting in our house, when Moulton, Woodruff, Moulton's father, and some other gentlemen were present, I was also there, and advised that Moulton should make a short statement. I suggested a short statement, in order that Beecher might explain the matter to the church. I said:

"Give the Old Man Another Chance."

I did not want Frank to tell the story. Mrs. Dennis resides at Newport, R. I. Mr. Dennis, I do not, in my conversations with her, communicate any portion of the story.

Mr. Fullerton concluded his re-direct examination here, and Mr. Evarts began the re-cross-examination. The witness replied: I am sure I told my husband about my act on the evening I kissed Beecher on the forehead.

This ended Mrs. Moulton's testimony, and she retired.

Mrs. Carey Cross-Examined.

Mr. Evarts said he had brought Mrs. Katy Carey for further cross-examination. This witness then took the stand, Mr. Beach protesting that she was not a witness. He also stated that he here rested his case with the testimony of Mrs. Moulton. Mrs. Carey was then cross-examined.

This closed the examination of witnesses for the prosecution, and the Court adjourned until to-morrow.

BREVITIES.

Paragraphic Pencilings of Passing Events.

····A cow was stolen from the yard of Mr. Alex Byers, at the corner of Lincoln and Western avenues, Allegheny, on Monday night.

····Joseph Lofink, Jr., of Allegheny, was yesterday held to bail by Mayor Phillips for trial on a charge of selling liquor on election day.

····A committee from the Legislature, consisting of some thirty members, will make a tour of the State Institutions in this vicinity on Friday and Saturday.

····On Saturday night, John Kelso, Jr., son of John Kelso, proprietor of the Mountain City House, at Cumberland, was killed by falling from a train of cars at Sand Patch tunnel on the Connellsville railroad.

····Mr. Isaac Lehurder, a clothier on Sixth street, accidentally fell through a trap door of Tate, Mundee & Co.'s plumbing store on Liberty street, and was very badly bruised, and was rendered insensible yesterday.

····Wm. Fitzjames, Alice Fitzjames and Bridget Rooney, the parties noticed as having been detected in the act of stealing metal from the railroad by Chief Ross, had a hearing yesterday morning and were held to bail for trial.

····The ladies of the Sandusky street Baptist church, Allegheny, have just sent a well filled box of clothing to the Nebraska sufferers. A second box is now being filled. Any persons wishing to aid in the good work will please leave their packages with the sexton at the church before Saturday next.

····An unknown man was killed on the Pennsylvania Railroad at a point between Manor and Irwin station, about eight o'clock yesterday morning, by being run over by the Cincinnati express. He had stepped off one track and on the other to allow the eastern bound freight train to pass when he was struck by the express, which came up behind him, as stated.

····We learn from a private dispatch to a lady in this city that a daughter of the late Dr. R. A. Wilson, of this city, died at New York yesterday, and is to be brought to this city for interment. The funeral will proceed from the Union Depot on the arrival of the train, about 2 P. M. to-morrow. We are not advised which of the two daughters of Dr. Wilson is referred to in the dispatch.

····On Monday evening the house of Mr. A. W. Erwin, at No. 14 Esplanade street, was entered by thieves, while the family was at supper, and a pocket-book containing $50, stolen. The thieves ransacked the drawers pretty well, but missed one drawer, which contained about $800 worth of jewelry. The thieves entered and departed by the front door, and left no clue.

····Sharpsburg borough has elected the following officers: Burgess, H. J. Wright, Jr.; Council, M. McNamara, D., G. R. B. Robinson, R., John Pfusch, R.; Peter Prager, D., Wm. C. Smith, D., Jacob Keil, D., School Directors, Wm. Collier, R., H. F. Dunham; Constable; H. J. McGivern, R.; Assessor, M. McNamara, D., Judge of Election, John L. Hays, R.; Auditor, R. A. Roach, D.

····A bold attempt was made on Saturday night last to rob the house of Alexander Stuart, at Springdale, on the West Penn Railroad. The burglars battered the doors open with a locust post and gained entrance, but before succeeding in getting anything, they were frightened off by one of Mr. Stuart's daughters, who raised an alarm by blowing a blast from a dinner horn from an upstairs window.

PERSONAL.

***Rev. J. J. McIlvar lectures at Sharpsburg on Sunday evening on the "Influence of Secret Societies on Religion."

***City officials Snodgrass and Magee, and Dr. Gross and others have gone to Washington City. They left yesterday morning over the P., W. & B. R. R.

***W. A. Herron, Postmaster Negley, Collector Davis and A. F. Brockmeyer are in Washington city.

SECOND EDITION

FROM WASHINGTON.

Report of the Louisiana Investigating Committee.

They Recommend Non-interference in the Affairs of the State.

Special to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, February 23, 1875.

Compromise with Rebels.

Many important facts have been definitely ascertained by the magnanimity on the part of the Democrats in offering a compromise with the Louisiana rebels—for the White League Democrats are in actual armed rebellion against the United States. The organization has not laid down its arms or disbanded as ordered by the President in his September proclamation. The arms were taken by force from the United States, and are held in defiance of and used against United States authorities.

The Magnanimity

of the National Government in offering to treat with these rebels is thus made apparent, and the important fact that when it comes to actual fighting the Northern Democrats and the Southern Union men will go forward as they did in 1861—with the Union. Hundreds of private letters and telegrams have been received here from business men in all the principal cities North and South who never voted the Republican ticket, urging a peaceful settlement of the Southern question, *stating that if the White Leaguers will not have peace then are for putting them down in a way that will keep them down forever, and without an hour's delay.*

The War Democrats

are in fact keeping themselves in the background. They, like all good Republicans, prefer a peaceful settlement, but if worse comes to worst they will, as before, be found on the right side.

Strength of the White League.

Well informed Southern Republicans estimate the immediate available force of the White League throughout the South at about one hundred thousand. The organization could put into the field a number of well drilled armed men into the field quicker than the National Government. But the Union element in the South, white and black, is a thousand times stronger than in 1861.

The Iron Clad Lobby.

The Iron Clad Lobby is likely to come to grief this session. Senate bill 141 "for the relief of certain contractors" has been defeated in the House. Hon. Wm. Lawrence, chairman of the Committee on War Claims, says it will, if passed, take from three to five millions dollars from the Treasury, that the Government holds a receipt in full for the claims in question, and furthermore, that the Court of Claims has decided against them.

In the face of all this, however, the lobby has the effrontery to push its bill in Congress for further payment. It will scarcely pass this session, though further efforts are likely to be made.

The Habeas Corpus Act.

The best informed Congressmen and others here are of the opinion that in spite of the odds against them, the White League Democrats will precipitate another rebellion, unless Congress re-enacts the Habeas Corpus law. The White League Democrats now visiting this city—and there are quite a number of them—do not seem to realize that their party has been defeated in the North—while in the North their wing has not even a foothold. They mercilessly put down all party dissensions at home with the bayonet, torch, revolver or bowie-knife, and think as a matter of course that all Northern Democrats are with them—to the bitter end. Why not, as a party measure very many of the most respectable Democrats would vote for the *habeas corpus* act. It seems to be generally admitted that unless this all important measure is revived, the White League wing of Democracy will inaugurate another rebellion.

DIAMOND.

WASHINGTON, February 23, 1875.

Report on the Louisiana Troubles.

The undersigned, a majority of the Committee on the State of the South, respectfully report the following as their report to the report made to the committee by Messrs. Hoar, Wheeler and Frye. The laws inimical to the colored people of Louisiana, referred to in this report, have been repealed for years. Except during the ashism of Governor Warmoth in 1872, the Republican party has long had control of the machinery of the State. The late registration shows an excess of the colored over the white voters, giving 90,781 colored to 76,328 whites. In the absence of any direct evidence that the late election was not free and fair, the assumption of the minority that the colored voters could have been prevented from voting at the late election—by the recollection of the Colfax and Coushatta killing, if the causes and circumstances of which are disputed, and by other means which occurred years before, have changed the result of the election throughout the State—is an assumption so violent, when it is recollected that both these parties elected the full Kellogg ticket by increased majorities, as not to be received if any other cause for the vote of the State can be found. Such causes exist and are obvious Among them are

First. The registration was incorrect and exceeded the true colored vote. The registration was wholly in the hands of the Kellogg officials, with whom the Republican committee, with United States Marshal Packard at their head, co-operated. In only three parishes did Republican supervisors of registration make any complaint of unfair or insufficient registration. On the other hand, great complaint was made by the Conservatives, who specified, with proof, 5,200 cases of conceded false registration in New Orleans alone, and those Conservatives who had been co-operating in joint party committee to secure a fair registration left the work in full in despair. The census of 1870—the correctness of which is not impeached—showed 87,676 whites and 89,913 colored males over twenty-one years of age. All statistics and evidence before us go to show that this proportion in favor of the colored voters. Yet the registration of colored voters exceeded by 3,000 the total number of colored adult males returned by the census, while the registration of white voters was 10,000 less.

Second. The whole number of votes registered was 167,604. Of these 146,523 voted. This is a larger proportion of registered voters than usually vote in any of the Northern States. In an agricultural State, sparsely settled, where long journeys had often to be made to reach the polls, it is unreasonable to suppose that a greater proportion of registered blacks would have voluntarily turned out to sustain the Government under which the prosperity of the State and their wages and the value of their shares of production had steadily declined, than usually vote at elections North or South.

Third. 1874 was a year of political change, in which the vote throughout all the States was seriously affected against the Republican party, a change resulting largely from the financial distress of the people, and which should, therefore, naturally have been even greater in Louisiana than elsewhere.

Fourth. It would be the interest of the Conservatives, at least at the last election, not to intimidate, but to acquire by every fair means the colored vote. Parties who were alleged to have threatened blacks even with the refusal of employment were subject to prompt arrest. It was known that pretexts would be sought to deprive the Conservatives of the result if they prevailed in the election. It was, therefore, their interest to avoid giving any such pretexts. Accordingly they determined everywhere to co-operate with and conciliate the blacks. They voted down the propositions or suggestions which were made in the early part of the campaign for a refusal to employ those colored voters who would not co-operate with them and generally sought by combining with the colored voters to carry the election. Local combinations against the Kellogg candidates were made in many parishes by men of all parties and colors. In several parishes a Union ticket of colored and Conservative voters was voted for and elected. An intelligent colored witness testified that he "desired a better Government," and to that end "was willing to swallow a white man if the white men would swallow the colored." These causes and feelings naturally united to swell the Conservative vote in such localities as indicated by the returns.

Fifth. The entire want of any direct evidence to show any general intimidation of colored voters. Of course, in so large a State, it would be impossible that there should be no instance of refusal to employ or of intimidation. Such occur in every State.

But the evidence certainly indicates no general intimidation of colored voters, and that such intimidation as did exist in the State was rather in the interest of the Republican than of the Conservatives. The United States Marshals, whose chief was Chairman of the Republican State Committee, armed in some cases with blank warrants of arrest, and aided by Federal troops, made constant arrests before election, but not afterwards. The oversight of the election and returns were in the hands of Governor Kellogg's officials. Their account and return did show twenty-nine majority of members of the Lower House elected by the Conservatives, without any protest whatever except in three parishes, although it was their province and duty to protest in any case where violence and intimidation or fraud existed. Indeed, the direct evidence as to the election of 1874, as well as the circumstances, clearly indicate a peaceable and fair election. In fact, after the visit of the first committee, and the revisit of the special committee, the Kellogg party, with all their machinery for collecting evidence, were unable to produce in the entire State more than half a dozen persons to testify to anything impeaching the freedom and fairness of the late elections who were not office-holders or connected with office-holders. Against such facts, it seems to us idle to assume that disturbances so vividly pictured by the minority could have kept up throughout their State such a feeling of intimidation as would justify the assumption that but for that feeling the State would have gone Republican. All experience shows that the result of the election in 1874 in Louisiana, as returned to the Returning Board, was natural, and to be only accounted for by the reasons we have given.

We hold, therefore, that in November, 1874, the people of the State of Louisiana did fairly have a free, peaceable and full registration and election, in which a clear Conservative majority was elected to the Lower House of the Legislature, of which majority the Conservatives were deprived by the unjust, illegal and arbitrary action of the Returning Board.

To the resolution reported to the House from the committee as to the action of the Returning Board, we all agreed. We understand the committee to be unanimous in finding the fact that the action of the Returning Board has defeated the will of the people as expressed by them at the polls on the 3d of November, 1874. The people then elected to the Lower House of their Legislature a majority of Conservative members. A portion of the Conservative members were refused their certificates of election. This is an act of great injustice to the individuals, of the gravest danger to the State and free government, and ought to be immediately corrected by any power competent to do it.

We are urging a peaceful settlement of the Southern question, *stating that if the White Leaguers will not have peace then are for putting them down in a way that will keep them down forever, and without an hour's delay.*

CHARLES FOSTER,
WM. WALTER PHELPS,
CLARKSON N. POTTER,
SAMUEL S. MARSHALL.

The Proposed Compromise

between the Conservatives and Republicans in Louisiana is not yet settled. The President-elect had an interview with Representative Wheeler, and afterward sent for Marshal Packard, requesting him to confer with Mr. Wheeler. As the Legislature will adjourn on the 4th of March, Mr. Wheeler telegraphed to Gov. Kellogg, as preliminary to a settlement, whether he would call an extra session of the Legislature.

A private telegram to a Representative from Louisiana, received to-night, says Kellogg is reluctant to call an extra session. The Conservative Committee now here are still anxious that an accommodation may be effected, though the prospect is not promising.

The New Mint.

The Finance Committee to-day agreed that the new mint ought to be established in the West, and voted to report a resolution requesting the President to make inquiry as to the relative merits of the various locations proposed, and to report to Congress next session.

The committee also agreed to report and recommend the passage of the bill authorizing the purchase by the Government of the Freedman's Bank building in this city, which is now mainly occupied under lease, for the Department of Justice.

Cabinet Meeting.

The Cabinet was in session two hours and a half to-day. The condition of the business before Congress was a subject of some conversation. The proposals from the Pacific Railroads were also discussed, and a general understanding as to what, at the present time nothing should be done with reference thereto, so that no communication will be made by Secretary Bristow to Congress on the subject. It is thought that should the matter be presented at this time, its consideration in Congress might jeopardize some of the appropriation bills, owing to the probability of a consumption of valuable time in its discussion.

FROM EUROPE.

FRANCE.

Obituary.

PARIS, February 23.—Jean Baptiste Camille Corot, the French painter, is dead.

The Senate Bill.

The organs of the Bonapartists are indignant at the passage by the Assembly yesterday of Wallon's amendment to the Senate bill. The Republican papers, with the exception of *Le Francais*, are jubilant over the passage of the amendment. *Le Francais* thinks only half the work necessary to be done has been accomplished. The Ministerial press is also dissatisfied with the consolidation at any time within six years after it has been accomplished, they may, by the application of fifty citizens and taxpayers to the Court of Common Pleas, obtain an order for an election in said borough to decide its future municipal relations. If a majority vote against consolidation, the borough becomes a separate municipality, with the usual borough officers. Provision is made for the arrangement of their relative indebtedness.

Bills Passed Finally.

Authorizing the vacating of streets, lanes, or alleys in incorporated boroughs with the consent of Town Councils.

Relative to authorizing changes of venue in civil causes.

A supplementary act fixing the time when the term of office of Judges of the Supreme Court and other Judges learned in the law shall commence.

Railroad Subsidy.

Mr. WOOD offered a resolution denouncing all attempts to vote a Government subsidy to the Northern Pacific Railroad. Referred to the Committee on Federal Relations—Yeas 13, nays 15—there it will sleep.

The Governor appointed the following notaries public: Samuel R. Clark, of Clarion, and Robert Galloway, Jr., of Carnegie, Fayette county.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate met at 4 P. M.

Bills Passed Finally.

A supplementary act dividing the cities of the State into three classes, regulating the passage of ordinances, providing for contracts for supplies and work for said cities, authorizing an increase of the indebtedness, the creation of a sinking fund to redeem the same, defining and punishing certain offenses, and providing for the incorporation and government of cities of the third class, approved May 23d, 1874, and to provide for the consolidation of school districts.

The Free Pipe Bill.

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Bills Passed Finally.

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Railroad Subsidy.

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THE friends of Local Option are making fresh efforts to prevent the repeal of the bill.

STATE SENATOR DILL, of Union county, is talked of as the coming man in Democratic ranks for the Gubernatorial nomination.

FRESH interest was awakened in the Beecher trial yesterday, by the sudden action of the prosecution in resting their case. Now for the other side.

THAT little affair of the Virginius is to be settled it seems, at last, by Spain paying $84,000 to the United States, and the latter agreeing to say no more about it.

GERMANY is again troubled on the emigration question and her statesmen are giving careful thought to devising some plans by which the outward tide may be checked. After all, however, it seems to be one of those questions which laws cannot regulate.

THE Knoxville *Whig and Chronicle*, Senator Brownlow's paper, predicts a Republican triumph in 1876. None are better acquainted with the Southern rebellion, than Brownlow, and some interesting facts about the purposes of the late rebels may be shortly expected.

THE House at Harrisburg has been captured by the Republicans on the Treasury investigation, as they have succeeded in extending the time so as to take in the term of McGrath, the last Democratic Treasurer. It is well when the investigating is going on that both sides have a fair chance.

THERE are indications that the lobby at Washington is preparing to make hay while the sun shines in the last few days of the session of Congress; but it is probable that the healthy public sentiment awakened in that direction, will render the operations of the lobby as precarious as they will be unnecessary.

THE American Iron and Steel Association has been greatly afflicted in late years in the loss by death of some of its most prominent members, among whom may be mentioned Henry Burden, John A. Griswold, Joseph H. Scranton, James M. Cooper, Charles S. Wood, George Fritz, Stephen Colwell, Horace Greeley, and lastly E. B. Ward—all dying within the last three years.

ORTWEIN paid the penalty of his crime yesterday,—a crime which for cold-blooded ferocity has never had its equal in our criminal annals. To the last the convict maintained that peculiar stolidity which seemed to be his chief characteristic. It is no wonder that the man preferred to die, and welcomed his hour of demise. Life, with the load of remorse that must have rested upon the soul of the man guilty of such a crime, would have been worse than any death. The execution was conducted as quietly as possible, and was attended with as little excitement as the nature of the case would admit of, and there was little in the occasion to pander to the tastes of the morbidly curious.

THE Supreme Court has at last decided the question concerning the two-third rate of taxation for the rural districts, and has affirmed the decision of the lower Court in deciding that it be the legal rate of taxation for those districts in accordance with the Consolidation Act. The question was one of great perplexity, and the Chief Justice admits that there was so much difficulty in the matter that a decision satisfactory to the large number could not be reached, but that the majority united in affirming the decision of the lower Court. It will be remembered that a large amount of taxes was dependent upon this decision, as the city had assessed the full rate on the rural property, but had only received two-thirds—the remainder being held back to await the decision of the Court.

IN speaking of the tendency to lower the character of great men, the New York *Tribune* pertinently remarks: "Seriously, this utter abolition of all hero worship among us will tell, in another generation, by a marked lowering of aim, thought and action. It has told already. It is not Washington and Penn who are injured by our contempt and suspicion, or who have lost their renown; it is we who have lost them and the great thoughts they have inspired, out of our lives. The boy or man who makes contempt or suspicion a habit of his mind, vulgarizes it just so far; the boy or man who tries to thrust the God he worshipped away from him will surely replace Him by some meaner deity. The religious instinct is in him, be he pagan or Christian, and can not be rooted out. If he laugh at the thunders of Sinai or explain away the darkness of Calvary, he will be more ready to give credence to the newest, grossest spiritualistic humbug. 'Where no gods are, says Novalis, 'specters rule.'" If the *Tribune* would only apply this idea in its own case perhaps it would have a little less villification of all men in public life who happen to differ with its pedantic editor.

A WORD OF CAUTION.

At the opening of the legislative session we took occasion to refer, in general terms, to the importance of the exercise of extreme caution, lest under the guise of general laws special enactments, violative of the new Constitution, should be made. Much had been said of the facility with which this might be done, and we felt it important that the first Legislature elected under the new Constitution should be free from blame in this particular. We have before us, in the form of an opinion, by Judge Maynard, a case that comes so completely within the scope of our warning, that we are impelled to use it as illustrative of a grave general danger. The case is that of the Susquehanna Boom Company, which may or may not be a good institution, we having nothing to do with its particular merits. It was originally chartered in 1846, and re-chartered by amendment to the original charter, in 1866. The original charter permitted a charge of fifty cents per thousand feet for logs admitted through the boom at Williamsport. The amendment was made in 1866, owing to the expenditure of a large sum of money in enlarging and strengthening the boom, and it assumed the form of a contract with the State. The company was allowed to increase its charge from fifty to eighty-five cents per thousand for logs, one half of which increase, in addition to taxes, were to go into the State Treasury. Out of this the State has been receiving about $75,000 a year. This second charter or contract which repealed the first, it is now proposed to repeal *by a general law.*

Putting aside, for the moment, Judge Maynard's statement of reasons why this attempted repeal is violative of the new Constitution, a point occurs to us not made in his statement. It is that the repeal of the existing charter-contract works the entire destruction of the original as well as **the supplemental charter, and thus utterly destroys vested rights,** and beside cutting off an important source of State revenue, makes the Commonwealth liable to the property destroyed, to the extent of from between $1,500,000 to $2,000,000. Too much care cannot be observed, not merely in this, but in all cases where the same general principle is involved. The loss of the established revenues to the State Treasury, at this time, must be made good by some other form of taxation.

Turning to Judge Maynard's opinion, he declares that the repeal is forbidden by section seven, article third, and by section twenty-four, same article, of the Constitution, which declares that "No obligation, or liability, of any railroad, or corporation held or owned by the Commonwealth, shall ever be exchanged, transferred, remitted, postponed, or in any way diminished by the General Assembly, nor shall such liability or obligation be released except by the payment thereof into the State Treasury." This touches one side of the question,—the claim of the State to its revenues, in any event. On the other side of the question, section two of the schedule provides that "All laws in force in this Commonwealth at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, not inconsistent therewith, *and all rights*, actions, prosecutions and contracts shall continue as if this Constitution had not been adopted." The general inviolability of contracts has been strongly affirmed by the Supreme Court, among other instances, in the case of the Iron City Bank vs. The City of Pittsburgh. Judge Woodward, in his opinion, says: "The doctrine may now be regarded as settled in every State of the Union, that *an act of incorporation, accepted and acted upon by the corporators, is a contract between the State and corporators, which a subsequent Legislature may not impair.*"

The only instance mentioned in the Constitution where charters may be altered or amended is in Section 10, Article 16, of the Constitution, which provides that where a charter is injurious to the citizens of the Commonwealth, it may be altered or revoked in such manner as that no injustice shall be done to the corporators. In the bill referred to no injury is alleged as a reason for the repeal asked for. On the contrary, two affidavits are presented,—one stating the cost of the boom, and the injury that would be inflicted on the rafting business by the repeal of the charter of the company. The second is from outside parties, who declare, "That the facilities afforded by the said Boom Company to parties manufacturing their lumber at this point, have more than doubled the value of their lumber. That the population of Williamsport who are directly engaged in the manufacture, shipment and sale of lumber, exceeds four thousand, most of whom are laboring men, and a majority having large families depending upon them for support, and which would represent more than one-half of the population of the city, who are directly dependent upon the lumbering interests. They are further of the opinion that the increased value of the real estate of the city of Williamsport has been at least quadrupled by the location of the booms at this place, and that the farming lands throughout a large proportion of the country have enhanced in value from one to one hundred dollars per acre, as a direct consequence of the location of the booms at this place, by affording a ready market for all their productions."

Our interest in this subject is general. Once we begin to minister to the wishes of local parties, and under the guise of general legislation, enact special laws, all the advantages of the new Constitution as a safeguard against special legislation are gone in a moment. For this particular case we care nothing. We have stated it to illustrate a general principle,—and this is, *that special legislation, violative of the Constitution, ought carefully to be avoided.*

PERSONAL.

ADMIRAL LAPLACE, the oldest officer in the French navy, in which he attained to some fame previous to the year 1848, has just died at the age of 82.

THE Rev. Robinson Duckworth, M. A. Fellow, of Trinity College, Oxford, and Chaplain-in-Ordinary to the Queen, has been appointed Canon of Westminster Abbey, in place of the late Canon Kingsley.

LADY GREY, wife of the Governor of Jamaica, has consented to lay the corner stone of a new Methodist church in Kingston, the building to be under the pastoral care of Rev. Mr. Griffiths. Sir William Grey has contributed $100 to the building fund.

AN imaginative lady, writing from St. Petersburg, at the time of the coronation of Alexander I., thus describes the ceremony: "The Emperor entered the church preceded by the assassins of his grandfather, surrounded by the assassins of his father, and followed by his own."

THE parents of Ann Eliza Young, the recalcitrant wife of the Mormon prophet, have been formally excommunicated from the Church of Latter-Day Saints because they espoused their daughter's cause in the troubles that arose at the time of her withdrawal from Brigham's household.

SEARCHING the annals of cold weather to find if possible a colder winter than the present, a writer says he has found several rather marvelous statements concerning the winter of 1741. Not the least of these is one that Francis Lewis, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, drove his horse the whole length of Long Island Sound on the ice.

RUMORS that Prince Hohenlohe is to be appointed to assist Prince Bismarck have no foundation. Bismarck's labors will be lightened by arrangements facilitating his control over the Prussian ministry. Thus the premier will be enabled to retain his post until Summer, when it may become necessary for him to consult his health with regard to the possibility of continuing in office.

THE Indianapolis *Journal* says: "Mr. L. Barr, an employe of one of the rolling mills, is said to be one of the most powerful men west of the Alleghenies. He often picks up a couple of rails weighing 1,120 pounds for small wagers, and can handle a 500 pound rail easier than most men can handle a fair-sized stick of wood. He is credited with having lifted 1,475 pounds not long since."

A MOVEMENT has been started in England having for its object the commemoration in some fitting manner of the ten years of Dr. Manning's episcopacy. The Catholics of Ireland also intend in a short time to celebrate the completion of fifty years, during which Dr. McHale, Archbishop of Tuam, has held his See, and also the completion of twenty-five years, during which Cardinal Cullen has held the office of Roman Catholic Primate of Ireland.

HERE is an account of the dress that the Belgian Princess Royal wore at her wedding: "It is of the richest white satin, *decolletee*, with short sleeves, in accordance with the etiquette usual on royal marriages. The train, which is very long, is trimmed with lovely Brussels lace, embroidered with silver. The tablier, entirely made of lace, was much admired; it is trimmed on each side with crepe lisse, embroidered with silver, and the trimming is repeated on the corsage. The whole dress is covered by a magnificent veil of Brussels lace, which reaches from the head to the extremity of the train. Tufts of orange flowers will ornament the robe when the ceremony takes place."

Moody and Sankey.

A correspondent of the Philadelphia *Bulletin* says the great revival which spread over Scotland and Ireland in connection with the visit of Messrs. Moody and Sankey, of America, continues to attract widespread interest. Their visit to Birmingham, which terminated with the close of January, produced an effect in that great manufacturing centre totally unprecedented in the history of any previous political or religious movement. Several papers report that on their second Sunday in Birmingham Mr. Moody must have addressed from 40,000 to 50,000 persons, and on every day from 20,000 to 30,000. Bingley Hall, in which most of the meetings were held, is the second largest hall in England, and has become famous as the scene of John Bright's greatest political achievements. It was provided with 9,000 cane chairs for the Evangelist service, at a cost of seven pence per chair for two weeks. And the cry is still they come.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

JAMAICA is showing signs of improvement in the erection of iron markets all over the island.

A CHICAGO girl refused to be engaged until her lover first insured his life in her favor, and then travelled abroad for two years to improve his manners.

THE California trotting gelding Occident will come east about the 1st of April, in charge of Budd Doble, to take his chances with other flyers during the trotting campaign.

WHEN a foreigner finds that plague is a word of one syllable and ague a part of the plague is a word of two, he wishes that the plague might take one-half the English language and ague the other.

A FEMALE lawyer in Wyoming was recently obliged to suspend her argument before a justice in order to administer to the wants of her baby, who was arguing for its dinner in adjoining room.

THE Philadelphians ought to be satisfied this year with the appropriations by Congress for their city. $700,000 for a new postoffice building; $535,000 for the Centennial exposition; $200,000 for League Island, and about $300,000 for other purposes.

A BERLIN dispatch says: One of the principal measures contemplated by Germany to check emigration is the prohibition of the enlistment of emigrants on foreign account by the payment of premiums. This is specially directed against the Brazillian agents.

SUITS have been instituted against the railroad company by Rev. E. E. Hall, of East Haven, for $25,000, and C. C. Post, of Hamden, Conn., for $40,000, damages for injuries inflicted by the accident at Stony Creek, a few months ago, when Division Superintendent Wilcox lost his life.

THE black stallion Stilts, the property of E. D. Loveridge, of Buffalo, was found dead in his stall, at Ingersoll, Ont., on the morning of the 3d inst. Stilts was got by Field's Royal George, and had shown a trial of 2:28, to wagon. Mr. Loveridge had recently refused $5,000 in gold for him.

A SEWER became filled with gas from leaky pipes at Cambridge, Mass., the other day, and exploded with loud reports. Considerable damage was done to adjacent buildings, and a number of persons were nearly suffocated by gas which poured into the dwellings through the sewer connections.

W. C. WALCOTT, of Jamaica, West Indies, who had been convicted of embezzling a large sum of money from his employer, an absentee lady proprietor of landed estate, has been removed from the commission of the peace and his name erased from the list of the magistracy of the island.

PHILIP OLWELL, a laborer, residing in New York city, has surrendered to the police, alleging that he killed an unknown man in a drunken affray, on Saturday night. The police believe the murdered stranger to be a deserter from the British army, and that Olwell killed him supposing **him to have money.**

LATELY the French Government sold a large quantity of arms by weight—that is, for the old metal, and on condition that the purchasers were to break them up or melt them. But, alas, they did not do it, and the police have recently seized from them 10,000 pounds of bayonets, which they were selling. Every circumstance of this sort in Paris conjures up a vision of barricades and communists and trifles of that sort.

THE recent collision in the Jersey City tunnel was caused by the unknown separation of a train of cars while passing through that dark and gloomy excavation. Sixty cars entered from the west, and it was telegraphed from the eastern end that they had emerged. The watchman was ignorant that the train had been broken in its transit through the two miles of tunnelling, and it was a Providential mercy that the loss of life was not much greater.

A DISPATCH from Oneonta, N. Y., states that during the intense cold of last week, three children named O'Barn, ranging in age from eight to eleven years, were forced by their parents, basket makers, residing in Exeter, to start on their usual peddling tour. The following morning the bodies of the children were found on the road, between Exeter and a neighboring town, frozen to death, the oldest with his arms around the neck of the youngest.

AN event which calls for Mr. Barnum's investigation is reported from Owen, Ky., where a mule, having lost her colt, is alleged to have adopted and reared a brood of goslings instead. The birds are now weaned, their only acquired peculiarities being an unusual length of neck from stretching it up to nurse their adopted mother, and a decided propensity to kick. The facts thus related are fully credited by the community in which they occurred, and we have no desire to cast the faintest imputation upon the veracity of the reporter. It is possible, however, that he may have been misinformed as to the antecedents of the case, and that the mule, instead of producing the usual species of colt in the first instance, laid the goose eggs herself and hatched them in a mare's nest.

SPAIN.

Castelar on Alfonsism.

(From the London News, January 20.)

Our special correspondent in Spain gives the following account of an interview he recently had with Senor Castelar:

"The other night I had a very interesting and, in some sense, a pathetic interview with Spain's most disinterested reformer. Bitter as has been his disappointment, cruel as is the consciousness that the present outcome of all his travail, for the regeneration of Spain is the Bourbon restoration, he is able, like the ancient Roman, *aquam memento rebus in arduis servare mentem.* There were times when it seemed to me that he desponded utterly; at the best his hope is very feeble and flickering, but he had lost nothing of his wonted brilliancy and felicity in conveying his meaning; unfortunately, my power of reproducing his utterances is very incommensurate, and the best that I can hope to do is to give a general summary of his views.

"His Republic, he said, had been the Republic of order and stability—the reconstructive, developing, improving Republic. But Spain was not ripe for this; everywhere he had found selfish intrigue, greed, corruption, and no soundness of elastic springboard whence to make an effort. His essay has failed by reason of the absolute and utter disorganization of his party. Some had gone one way, lapsed into red republicanism, and so brought ridicule on the cause; others had straggled into Alfonsism, and others had cared only for themselves, and were prepared to be anything so that at least they might be something for their own advantage. 'Yes,' he went on with a sigh and a shading of the eyes, 'my party's utterly broken up,' whistled down the wind. As to the future, *Quien sabe!* The only policy was to wait and watch; the chance might offer again when least anticipated. Would his adherents constitute themselves into an opposition and fight the Liberal battle constitutionally? 'In what way is this possible?' was the challenging reply. 'We do not know how it is possible for us to take the oaths of allegiance to his reactionary *regime* and, granting our readiness for the good of the cause, where is our field of action? The Cortes are closed to us. Robledo, the Minister of the Interior, who has served his apprenticeship to the work under Sagasta, and who, by the way, has been all around the political clock—been an Isabelist, an Amadeist, a Montpensierist, a Serranist, everything but a genuine Republican—he will so manipulate the elections as to keep every one out who is not of the true Alfonsist color.

"I asked Senor Castelar if he were free to speak on the probabilities of the future. 'The future,' said he, 'is chaos. The political situation is deplorable; as bad as it can be. Carlism is impossible, that is one certain consolation. Alfonsism is *tres difficile.*' Its very essence is reaction. It is a standing menace to every movement towards liberty. It menaces alike religious liberty, civil freedom and public instruction. It blocks every wheel of progress. Alfonsism means the dominance of priestcraft, the perpetuation of superstition, the wilful maintenance of ignorance, the suppression of the liberty of the press, freedom of thought, of instruction and culture in our academies and universities, general darkness over the face of the land. It may last for a time, but the same elements that overthrew the dynasty before must inevitably operate toward and culminate in the ultimate upheaval. In the meantime all that I can sadly discern is that the political situation is *espouvantable.*'"

How Bar-Room Liquors Are Made.

There may be seen daily, on Chestnut street, says the Philadelphia *Bulletin*, a man dressed in faultless apparel, with a great diamond upon his breast, vainly endeavoring to outglitter the magnificent solitaire on his finger. In a German university he learned chemistry, and not even Liebig knows it better. His occupation is the mixing and the adulteration of liquors. Give him a dozen casks of deodorized alcohol, and the next day each of them will represent the name of a genuine wine or a popular spirit. He orders a wholesale drug store, bearing a large basket upon his arm. Five pounds of Iceland moss are first weighed out to him. To raw liquor this imparts a degree of smoothness and oleaginousness that gives to imitation brandy the gibness of that which is most matured. An astringent called catechu, that would almost close the mouth of a glass inkstand, is next in order. A couple of ounces of strychnine, next called for, are quickly conveyed to the vest pocket, and a pound of white vitriol is as silently placed in the bottom of the basket. The oil of cognac, the sulphuric acid, and other articles that give fire and body to the liquid poison, are always kept in store. The mixer buys these things in various quarters. They are staples of the art.

ANOTHER JERSEY CITY SENSATION.

From the Theatre Foot Lights to the Sanctuary — Mrs. Margaret Lowery Conducting a Revival in Jersey City—Throwing Up a Stage Engagement to Preach the Gospel.

The Hedding Methodist Episcopal Church in Montgomery street, Jersey City, was thronged Sunday evening with a congregation who listened to Mrs. Margaret E. Lowery, the Evangelist. The interest was increased and curiosity excited by the announcement that Mrs. Lowery was a retired actress. She certainly has as little of the generally accepted appearance of an actress as was possible as she sat in one of the cushioned pulpit chairs by the side of the Rev. Mr. Wall, the pastor of the church. She was clad in severe black, relieved at the throat by a bit of lace. Her black hair was dressed with simplicity, and surmounted by a nondescript black bonnet, with dangling ribbons. Her face was pale, as if the glare of the foot lights had faded all color from it. Her features were strongly marked and almost plain, while beneath dark eye brows steel-grey eyes looked straight at the congregation without flinching.

After the pastor had baptized half a score of new converts, for Mrs. Lowery had preached in the church a week or more, the ex-actress arose, and, in a clear, strong voice, without a particle of embarrassment, announced her text:

"Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained."

PULPIT ELOQUENCE.

The sermon was delivered entirely extemporaneously, and was composed of exhortation and illustration. When exhorting her hearers to flee from the wrath to come—when painting the terrors of that "Day of Wrath," and the danger of putting off the hour of repentance, her voice rose and fell in the peculiar sing-song which most women speakers adopt. When relating anecdotes, with which her sermon was crowded, her manner was natural, and sometimes the actress unconsciously showed forth. Her gestures were forcible, and graceful for the most part. After a short sermon she invited those who wished to become Christians to come to the altar, and stepping from the pulpit and going into the aisles, she asked sinners to come to Jesus. Looking carefully over her audience she singled out some promising faces, and began her appeal in a low, earnest voice, while the brethren within the altar sang and prayed. Thus going from seat to seat, appealing to one, arguing with another, praying with a third, she spoke personally with very many. Suddenly stopping, she cried in clear tones, "There are men in this house who are being hindered from coming forward by the influence of friends; when these men stand before the Judge others will point with gaunt, remorseful fingers at you, and cry, 'But for thee I might have been saved.' You cannot answer then, 'Am I my brother's keeper?' You are your brother's keeper."

Again she shouted, "There are men here weeping over their sins, and who yet won't come forward. Unless you repent, those tears will turn to red-hot coals of fire to burn into your souls through a never-ending eternity!

THE ACTRESS' HISTORY.

She spoke like one in authority, and seemed a born leader. It did not seem an unwomanly thing for her to thus exhort, and she so directed the meeting that many influenced by her words arose for prayer or knelt tearfully at the altar.

After the long service was ended Mrs. Lowery said to the reporter:

"Oh, I am well known. I was for twenty years an actress in legitimate drama. I was always a Church goer, as four-fifths of the people on the stage are. Many of them are members of the church—Episcopal and Catholic. I couldn't be a member of the church I wanted to belong to and be an actress. A year ago last September, while playing in Ford's Opera House in Baltimore, I decided to leave the stage. Mr. Ford offered me seventy-five dollars a month for a year, or $100 a month for six months; but I saw my duty clearly. I left and began preparing for preaching. About a year ago I was licensed to preach, and have been preaching since.

THE AFRICANS.

The Population and Ultimate Condition.

Africa is a great fact; we cannot get rid of it, and we are fast becoming convinced that it may be turned to a better use than we have hitherto made of it. The Africans are irrepressible; they have the gift of vitality above most men, and live and multiply under circumstances that would be death to other races. The natives of Tasmania have disappeared; the Australians are nearly extinct; it is but an actuary's question as to when we shall see the last of New Zealanders, and the Indians of America die out in the presence of the white man. Not so the African. Place him where you will, so long as he gets sunshine, and under what circumstances you may, and in Egypt scarcely increased faster. It is estimated that there are nearly 15,000,000 of people of African descent on the mainland and islands of America. Africa itself is more thickly peopled than was supposed. Instead of 30,000,000, it probably contains 100,000,000 of people. We cannot hope to possess ourselves of Africa as we did of America, for side by side with us on his own soil, the African would surely prove the stronger. So, whether we meet him in his own land or elsewhere, it is manifestly to our own interest (to say nothing of higher motives) to make the best of him. It is in Africa itself we must look to the highest possibilities of the race, for those outside are slaves, or the descendants of slaves. They live also in the lands of their thraldom, and in the presence of those who are, or those who have been, their masters. You may free them all, but you will not purge them from the ill effects of slavery, simply by emancipating them. It will take many years to get rid of the mischief which long generations of slavery have brought in their natures. Had the Israelites after their emancipation remained in Egypt in the presence of their former masters they would have been slaves in their nature still. And so it was with the free colored men in the United States and West Indies. Their associations tend to keep alive the recollections of the past and to check noblest aspirations. The galling discomfort, if not of legal proscription, yet of bitter caste prejudice in the whites, and which manifests itself in everyday life in a thousand cruel and annoying ways, are great against them. The negroids, therefore, afford as yet no fair criterion of what the African race is capable. I believe, however, that the possibilities of the Africans on their own soil are not inferior to those of any race of men on the earth. Their civilization may, in some things, prove unlike our own, their range of virtues and vices somewhat different, yet I do not think they will prove mentally our inferiors, or that their moral standard will be lower. I say this from no theory evolved from my own inner consciousness, but from a conviction which is the result of a personal knowledge of them.—*Cornhill Magazine.*

Insect Suicide.

One morning while in Southern India a servant brought to me a very large specimen of the black scorpion, which, having stayed out too long in its nocturnal rambles, had apparently got bewildered at daybreak and been unable to find its way home. To keep it safe, the creature was at once put into a glazed entomological case. Having a few leisure minutes in the course of the forenoon I thought I would see how my prisoner was getting on, and to have a better view of it the case was placed in a window in the rays of a hot sun. The light and heat seemed to irritate it very much, and this recalled to my mind a story which I had read somewhere that a scorpion, on being surrounded with fire, had committed suicide. I hesitated about subjecting my pet to such a terrible ordeal, but taking a common botanical lens, I focused the rays of the sun on its back. The moment this was done it began running hurriedly about the case, hissing and spitting in a very fierce way. The experiment was repeated some four or five times with like results, but upon trying it once again the scorpion turned up its tail and plunged the sting, quick as lightning, into its own back. The infliction of the wound was followed by a sudden escape of fluid, and a friend standing by called out, "See it has stung itself; it is dead;" and, sure enough, in less than half a minute life was quite extinct. I have written this brief notice to show (1) that animals may commit suicide; (2) that the poison of certain animals may be destructive to themselves.—*Nature.*

STERNDALE BENNETT has been buried in Westminster Abbey. The requisition to the Dean to permit his interment in that sacred pile was signed by a great number of prominent musicians, including Hans von Bülow, J. Joachim, Sir Julius Benedict, Jenny Lind Goldschmidt, Arthur Sullivan, G. A. Macfarren, A. Randegger, John Hullah, Charles Santley, Sims Reeves, and Sir Frederick Gore Ouseley.

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FINANCIAL.

Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE,
WEDNESDAY, February 24, 1875.

Financial matters in the city remain without noticeable change. There continues to be a good demand for money, but the supply being ample, the market is in a comfortable easy condition. The banks are all well supplied with loanable funds which only await good business paper at fair rates. There is comparatively little doing in stocks at present, and real estate remains quiet. Everybody is looking for the good time coming, and there are surface indications that the time is probably not so far distant as croakers would have us suppose.

The following stocks were sold last evening by A. McIlwaine, auctioneer, at his stock sales rooms, 106 Smithfield street: Exchange National Bank.....$69 75
City National Bank.....43 00
Bank of Pittsburgh.....63 50
Smithfield Savings Bank.....37 50
Pittsburgh Gas Co.....66 00
Allemania Insurance Co.....49 25

—The Philadelphia *Ledger* says the anthracite coal trade for the week ending on the 13th instant is without any special feature. It is still quiet. No colliteries in the Schuylkill and Lehigh regions are in operation, except such as are supplying local consumption. The entire tonnage reported for the week ending on the 13th instant was 128,504, against 221,672 in corresponding week last year, and 1,461,324 for the new year, against 1,694,543 to same date in 1874. The bituminous tonnage for the week is 56,683 tons, and for the year 202,292 tons, against 208,938 tons to corresponding date last year. The total of both kinds of coal for the week is 185,187 tons, and for the year, 1,863,616 tons, against 2,003,481 tons to same time in 1874, being a decrease of 339,865 tons. The quantity of coal and coke transported over the Pennsylvania Railroad for the week was 56,749 tons, and for the year 208,568 tons. Of this aggregate 233,554 tons were coal and 55,012 tons coke. This table embraces all the coal carried over the road, both anthracite and bituminous, east and west. A remarkable feature of the coal trade is the slight falling off of tonnage in the face of the very general suspension of coal production. The bituminous production is even short of what it was at corresponding time in 1874, thus showing a fall supply of anthracite.

—The following shows the earnings and expenses of the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Company for the month of January, 1875:

Earnings	$195,606 61
Expenses	151,818 24
Net proceeds	$ 43,788 37

—The foreign commerce of the port of New York for the past week was as follows: —General merchandise imports, including dry goods, $7,974,697; produce exports, $3,952,584, and specie exports, $511,839. The total imports of merchandise since January 1, this year, were $46,341,257, against $52,070,609 in 1874, and $63,671,992 in 1873. The total exports of specie since January 1, were $12,165,171, against $4,897,104 last year, and $8,937,161 in 1873.

Luther S. Kaufman, Broker, No. 96 Fourth avenue, furnishes the following quotations of bid and asked stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

	Opened.	Asked.
Gold	114¾	114¾
U. S. Sixes—1881—coupon	119¾	119¾
5-20 1862	116⅝	116⅝
20—1864	117⅝	117⅝
" 1865	119¼	119¼
" 1865 new	118⅛	118⅛
" 1867	119⅝	119⅝
" 1868—coupons	119⅝	119⅝
10-40's	112	114
Currency 6's	114	119½
New 5 per cents	114⅝	115
10-40's—coupons	117	117

RAILWAYS.

New York Central	101⅜	101¾	
Erie	28½	27⅝	
I. C	101⅜	101	
C. C. & I. C.	6¾	6	
St. Paul	34½	34½	
Do. Pref		55	
Michigan Southern	74½	73⅝	
Do Central	73½	74¼	
North Western Common	42⅜	42⅜	
Do. Pref	56	83	
Rock Island		103½	
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	90½	90⅝	
Pacific Mail	33⅜	31⅝	
Western Union Telegraph	73¼	72⅝	
Ohio & Mississippi	25⅜	24⅝	
Union Pacific	41⅝	40⅝	
Toledo & Wabash	10½	10¼	
Marlem	128		
Adams Express	100½	101	
American Express	64¾	64¾	
U. S. Express	58¾	59	
W., Fargo & Co Express	98	98	
Fort Wayne	97⅜	98	
Hannibal & St. Joseph	21	20¾	
Panama	112	112	

Luther S. Kaufman furnishes the following quotations of active stock on the Philadelphia Stock Board to-day:

	Bid.	Asked.
P. R. R. scrip	55	55¼
" " scrip	107	57
Reading	56¾	57
United Cos. of N. J.	131¾	132
Oil Creek	17½	17⅝
Lehigh Valley	63	
Central Transportation	44¼	45
Empire do.	24¾	
Am. Ins. Co.	99	
P. C. & St. L. 7's		76½

NEW YORK, February 23, 1875.

Money 2½@3; prime mercantile paper 4 to 6. Sterling was heavy and lower at 482 @482¼ for sixty days and 485¼@486 for sight. The produce exports for the week were $5,133,631. The customs receipts were $633,000. Gold opened at 114⅞, and closed at 114⅝, the two extremes of the day having been 114⅜ and 114⅝. The carrying rates ranged 1 to 4 per cent. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $219,000. The clearings amounted to $43,000,000. Government bonds were dull. Railroad bonds were firm. State bonds were quiet. The stock market was strong at the opening of business, except for Wabash, which was 3½ lower than the closing price on Saturday. Pacific Mail opened better than it closed on Saturday, and made a further advance of 2¼ per cent. to 33⅞. Next in order came Western Union and Union Pacific. Later in the day the whole market fell off under the lead of Pacific Mail, which dropped from 33⅞ to 31 5-8 on the announcement from Washington that the Senate had concurred in the House bill repealing the $500,000 subsidy. The amendment to the tax bill to tax sales of stocks and gold also helped to depress the market. Union Pacific sold down to 40 1-8, Western Union to 72 1-2, Northwest to 42 5-8, St. Paul to 34 3-8, Ohio to 24 7-8, and Wabash to 10 1-2. The transactions aggregated 210,000 shares, of which 81,000 were Pacific Mail, 55,800 Western Union, 15,000 Northwest, 6,000 St. Paul, 8,000 Lake Shore, 14,000 Illinois, 6,000 Wabash, and 40,000 Union Pacific.

Government securities.—U.S. coupons of 1881, 119⅜; 5-20's of 1862, 116⅜; do of 1864, 117⅝; do of 1865, 119⅛; do of 1865 new, 118⅝; do of 1867, 119⅝; do of 1868, 119⅝; 10-40s, 117; currency 6s, 119½.

State bonds.—Missouri 6s, 95; Tennessee, old, 68; do new, 65; Virginia, new, 70; do old 95; North Carolina, old, 28; do new, 13.

Stocks.—Canton, 60; Western Union Telegraph Company, 72¾; Quicksilver, 34¾; Adams Express, 101; Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, 98; American Merchants Union Express, 64; United States Express, 58½; Pacific Mail, 31½; New York Central, 101¾; Erie, 27¾; do preferred, 42; Harlem, 128; do preferred, 138; Michigan Central, 73; Pittsburgh, 96½; Northwestern common, 42⅝; do preferred, 83½; Rock Island, 103⅝; New Jersey Central, 108½; St. Paul, 34½; do preferred, 55; Toledo & Wabash, 10⅝; do preferred, 25; Fort Wayne, 98; Terre Haute, 7; do preferred, 23; Chicago & Alton, ex. int. 102; do preferred, ex. div., 105; Lake Shore, 73½; Ohio & Mississippi, 25⅜; Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati, 60½; Burlington & Quincy, ex. div., 118; Panama, 6; Illinois Central, 101; Union Pacific, 40½; Central Pacific, 96½; Union, 93½; Delaware & Lackawanna, 110.

LONDON, February 23—5 P. M.—Consols: money, 92 3-16@92½; account, 92 5-16@92¾; 4-20's of '65, 107½; do of '67, 107½; 10-40's, 102¾; new 5s, 103; New York Central, 92; Erie, 25¼@25½; do preferred, 42½.

PARIS, February 23.—Rentes 64f. 60c.

Receipts of Pig Metal, Ore Blooms, and Rock Bar.

ALLEGHENY VALLEY R. R.

Blair Iron & Steel Co	1	Nimick & Com	1
Klouser & C Bro metal	4	Do. Bar	6
Total	5	Total	6

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH R. R.

Nimick & Co P	2	Lucy Furnace o	3
Isabella Furnace o	12	Hussey W. & Co o	7
Total	19		

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILROAD, P. R. R. LESSEE.

Boenberger B & Co o	2	Klouse & Co o	6
Byers A. Mc m	3	Nimick & Co m	4
W. J. Anderson m	1	J Moorhead m	1
Total	6	Total	11

PENNA. R. R.

J W Porter m	2	A H Childs m	4
Total	2		4

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

DAILY REPORT OF PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, TUESDAY, Feb. 23, 1875.

The leading merchandise markets, while they are not as active as they should be, and usually are at this season of the year, are as much so, perhaps, as can reasonably be expected, and with a continuation of the present fine weather we think business generally will improve; there is one thing certain, it cannot get much worse than it has been during the past two or three months.

Mr. James H. Loh, of the firm of Loh & Co., this city, is in receipt of circulars from the Secretary of the National Butter and Egg Association," from which we learn that the next annual meeting of the Association will be held in Chicago, on Wednesday, March 24. It is hoped that Pittsburgh will be fully represented, as we understand that an effort will be made to have the meeting of 1876 take place in Pittsburgh.

There was a good attendance at the Chamber of Commerce to-day, and notwithstanding trade generally is nearly all its varied branches is dull, there was a fair amount of business transacted. Following sales were reported:

1 car Yellow Ear Corn, 76c.
3 cars Yellow Shelled Corn, free, 72.
1 car Oat Straw, on track, 87½.
2 cars White Oats, in sacks, 65½.
2 cars Timothy Hay, $12 ₱ ton.
1 car White Oats, in sacks, 65¼.
2 cars Oat Straw, $18.
1 car Yellow Ear Corn, track, 78.
1 car Yellow Ear Corn, track, 77.
100 bbls Flour on private terms.

APPLES—Dull and in very fair demand, and with continued light receipts, the supply is light and prices are well maintained; $2 to $4 per barrel, as to quality.

APPLE BUTTER—Dull; 50@55c ₱ gal.

BEANS—There is an increasing demand, and the market is firmer in consequence, but prices have undergone no change; mediums, $1,70@1,85 ₱ bushel.

BUTTER—Continues to come in freely, and the market is easier in consequence of the supply accumulating, and holders are getting more anxious to realize; prime to choice rolls at 28@30.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—There is an increased demand but the market remains unchanged at 3¾@4 ₱ lb.

CRANBERRIES—$10@14 ₱ bbl.

CHEESE—There is a continued good jobbing trade, and no change in prices, which are firm; prime Ohio Goshen, 16½@17c; New York factory, 17@18.

DRIED FRUIT—The market for Apples is steady at 7@8c, while Peaches continue dull at 8½@9½; to 6c for fairly.

DRESSED HOGS—8@9c ₱ lb.

EGGS—The market is easier in consequence of the receipts becoming liberal; it is almost certain, will result in increased receipts, if present fine weather of a few days; fresh quotable at 24@26cents; pickled, 25@30.

FLOUR—There is no improvement to note in the demand, and no change to make in quotations; Spring wheat flours, $5,25@5,50 for Wisconsins, and 5,50@5,75 for Minnesotas; Winters, $5,50@5,75 for red and $6@6¼ for amber and white. Rye Flour, $5,50@5,75.

GROCERIES—Trade continues to drag, the demand for all the leading staples is light, restricted mainly to supplying immediate wants. There is no improvement to note in the market for Coffee, but Sugars are firmer as are also Tobaccos, which may be attributed to the proposed increase in the import duty; the inclination, however, are that Coffees will go still lower.

SUGARS.

Crushed	11	Standard B	10¼
Granulated	11	Ex C Standard	10
Powdered	11	Demarara	9¾@10¼
A Coffee	10¾	Porto Rico	8¾@ 9¾
N. O. Sugar	8¾@ 9¼		

SYRUPS.

Sugar house	35@40	Sugar Drips	55@60
Sugar Drips	45	White Drips	60@65
Silver Drips	55	Extra Golden	70@80

COFFEES.

Rio Good			21 @22
Rio Prime			22 @23
Rio Fancy			25 @28
Roasted Rio, in lb packages			28
Roasted Java			27½
Roasted Java, in lb packages			30
Roasted Java loose			39½

RICE.

Rangoon ₱ lb	7 @7¼	Patna ₱ lb	7¾@8
Carolina ₱ lb	8 @8¾		

MOLASSES.

Porto Rico	50@55	New Orleans	73@75
Demarara	50@55		

GRAIN—There was some Wheat offered on 'Change to-day, but buyers and sellers could not come together, and, in the absence of sales, quotations may be given at $1,16@1,16 for red and $1,18@1,20 for amber. There is a continued steady demand for Ear Corn, and prices are sustained; quotable at 75@77c for mixed to prime yellow. Shelled Corn is slow, but unchanged at 71@72 for white and mixed, and 73@74 for yellow, free in elevator—sales reported to-day at 73. There is a steady demand for Oats, and prices remain unchanged; we continue to quote at $1,10@1,10. The Oat market does not appear to be as active or as strong as it was a few days since, although prices are still maintained; 64@65c for mixed, and 65@66 for yellow.

HOMINY—$4,25@4,50 ₱ bbl.

HAY—There is a very fair demand for Hay, and the market is quoted steady at $17@19 for prairie and $22@23 for timothy, according to quality and condition.

MILL FEED—Market steady at $1,25@1,30 for Bran; $1,30@1,35 for Shipstuffs and Middlings, and $1,50@1,60 for Middlings, and $1,50@1,60, for Chopped Feed.

ONIONS—$3@3½ ₱ bbl.

POULTRY—Dressed Chickens, 12@14 cents; do, Turkeys, 16@18c.

PROVISIONS—The market is moderately active, but devoid of any new features worthy of special notice.

Hams—Extra, D. S. 13½
Shoulders, Ex S. C. 10
Plain Bacon, S. C. 13¼
Dried Beef, Ex. Sugar Cured, old..... 15
Beef Tongues Sugar Cured, ₱ doz..... $7.00
Bacon Shoulders..... 11
Short Rib Sides..... 11¾
Clear sides..... 12¾
Mess Pork, ₱ bbl..... $20,50
Miner's Lard Oil..... 95
Shorts Oil, per gal..... $1.10
Carbon Oil..... $12
½ bbl Pigs Feet..... 4.00
¼ bbl Pigs Feet..... 2.00

POTATOES—Are coming in more freely, but with a steady demand, prices are fair maintained; 65@70c ₱ bushel, on track, by the carload, and $1 in a jobbing way.

PEAS—$1.90@2 ₱ bush.

RAGS—Quiet and unchanged; regular sales at 2½ cents for prime to white mixed; 2c ₱ lb.

SWEET CORN—75@85c ₱ doz.

SEEDS—Clover Seed is quiet and unchanged at $6,90@7,00, and Timothy at $2,90@3,25.

TALLOW—City, 8½@9; country, 7½@8.

PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETT. TUESDAY, Feb. 23, 1875.

The market continues quiet, but its general tone is firmer. Crude was quoted at $1,47½@1,52 ₱ bbl for "United" at wells, a slight advance as compared with Saturday. Refined was quoted firmer but quiet; quotable at 11¾ on cars here, 12¼ delivered in Baltimore; and 13¾@14 in Philadelphia. The exports continue light, and this, taken in connection with the reduced production of refined, renders it almost certain that prices will be maintained for some time to come, and an advance is not improbable. The stock in the foreign markets, it is evident, is comparatively small, and as the quantity afloat for those markets is light, there is but little prospect of the supply being increased soon; and this being the case a fairly healthy export demand within the next few weeks is confidently looked for. Our refiners are anxious to get the free pipe bill through now, so that they will be ready to meet the demand when it sets in, and by reducing the cost of transportation on the raw article, be enabled to compete successfully with other points for the trade.

The Barrel market continues quiet, and prices are nominally unchanged at $1,05@1,10 for counties, and $1,25 for city make.

RECEIPTS CRUDE OIL PER ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
B S Duncan	Fairview O W	633
B S Duncan	Star O W	772
B S Duncan	Riverside O W	540
Crawford & Co	Riverside O W	135
Greer & C	Sunbeam O W	153
Total		1,954

New York Breadstuffs Market—Weekly Review.

NEW YORK, February 22.—The past week our Grain market has been characterized by rapid changes and only a moderate degree of activity. At times the depression has been very great, owing to the ice embargo, the sudden changes in gold, and the general uncertainty in the financial market as to business has been the presence of so much ice in the bay, which has prevented sailing vessels and lighters from moving freely. Our exports are very largely from sailing vessels, and ice enlarges in clearing any inclination for contracting transactions, and only a change on this head is to be looked for; but since weather and a more genial season have had much effect, coupled with the very limited stocks in first hands, a decline in freights is looked for, free to the market, especially notwithstanding a better tone grades, which are now plenty, and we incline to the low quotations reduced, though it is the impression of experienced that the medium and better grades, this is the business of the week has not proved very satisfactory, but the most hopeful indications for a reviving of in the production everywhere, and a more satisfactory market seems probable after the middle of March.—The quantity of Flour now afloat for Great Britain is very moderate, and we find the stocks at London, Liverpool and Glasgow as last advised are limited and considerably less than last year; hence with a moderate production and a large consumption, we may count on a more healthy tone during the Spring months. The trade in fancy brands of Minnesota has been moderate, but with limited arrivals we find the stock is reduced, and holders, in view of the very limited production, seem very indifferent about selling. In New Patent Process a limited business has been done at irregular figures, though since Wednesday more steadiness may be noted. In Winter Wheat brands only a moderate business is going and at rather unsatisfactory prices. Shipping Extra have sold quite freely since Tuesday, and have improved; No. 2 and Superfine have been sparingly offered, and with a good inquiry, having improved, with light offerings at the close; Choice Family brands have been in retail demand at about former prices; Corn meal has been in moderate demand, as, owing to the ice embargo, the mills at Brooklyn could not fill orders. The exports of the week have been fair, some 30,-000 bbls., against 40,809 bbl. the corresponding week last year.—*Tribune.*

Philadelphia Cattle Market, Feb. 22.

Beef Cattle.—Receipts, 2,900 head. The market is dull and weak; we quote from 4 cents up to 5¼ cents per pound, the latter for extras. Sheep are moderately active at 4 cents up to 7½c per pound. Receipts, 5,000 head. Hogs are firmer. Sales of corn fed at $11@11,50 per hundred pounds, net.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, February 23, 1875.

FLOUR—Quiet and unchanged.

GRAIN—Wheat dull; No 2 spring 85½c spot; 85½c seller March; 86¼c seller April; 90¾c seller May; No 3 81¾@82c; rejected 77@77½c. Corn demand active and prices advanced; No 2 mixed 64¾@64¾c spot; 64¾c bid seller March; 65¾c seller April; 71¾c bid seller May; yellow 64¾c; rejected 63¾@63¾c. Oats dull and lower; No 2 2s @53¾c spot; 53c seller March; 53¾@53½c seller April; 56¾c seller May. Rye dull and nominal; No 1 98½@98¾. Barley dull and nominal; No 2 $1,08 spot or seller March; $1,06 seller April.

PROVISIONS—Dressed hogs steady; light $7,20; heavy 7.35. Pork dull and unsettled; $18,10 spot; $18,10@18,12½ seller March; $18,30@18,42½ seller April. Lard dull at $13,37½ spot or seller March; $13,35@13,37½ seller April. Bulk meats dull and lower; shoulders 5¾c; short rib middles 8½@9c; short clear 9¾c; all loose, spot or seller March.

WHISKY—Steady at $1,04.

At call board Wheat was heavy; 85¾c seller March; 86¾c seller April. Corn 64¾@64¾c seller March; 65¾c seller April. Oats unchanged. Pork weaker at $18,05 seller March; $18,22½ seller April; $18,37½ seller May. Lard nominal at $13,70 seller May.

New York.

NEW YORK, February 23.—Flour firmer; receipts 9,000 barrels; superfine western and State $4,75 @$4,90; common to good $4,90@$5,05; fair to choice $4,65@4,70; white wheat extra $5,50@6,00; extra Ohio $4,75@6,50; St. Louis $4,85@5. Rye flour steady at $4@5,10. Corn meal quiet at $4,80 @4,90. Wheat firmer; No 1 spring $1,16@1,20; No 3 spring $1,05@1,07; No 2 Chicago $1,08@1,10½; No 2 Milwaukee $1,11@1,12½. Rye quiet at 86@93c. Barley dull at $1,40. Malt heavy. Corn opened firmer; closed heavy; sales 100,000 bush; mixed western 81½@ 86c; yellow 85@86c. Oats heavy and lower; receipts 32,000 bush; mixed western 67@69c. Hay and Hops unchanged. Beef quiet; prime $5,50@6,50; prime $6@6,50c. Molasses quiet at 60@66c. Rice steady; Carolina 7¼@7¾c; Rangoon 6¾@6¾c. Petroleum firmer; crude 9½c; refined 19½c. Tallow steady at 8¼@8½c. Pork dull at $19,50. Beef unchanged. Cut meats quiet; pickled hams 10¾c. Middles quiet; long clear 10½c; short clear 10¾c; short rib 10¾@ 11¼c. Butter; prime steady; others heavy at 15@ 23c. Cheese firm at 10@16½c. Whisky lower at $1,06. Clover seed dull at 11@11½c. Rosin lower at $2,05@2,10.

New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, February 22.—Flour; only a local demand; superfine $4,30@4,87½; treble $5,62½@5,50; choice $5,75@6,25. Corn firmer; 90@ 92c. Oats in good demand at 72@73c. Bran quiet at $1,20. Hay dull; prime $25; choice $26; mixed $24@$25. Bacon quiet at 10¾@12½c. Hams lower at 13½c. Dry salt meats dull at 7¾, 7¾, 11 @11¼c. Lard: ordinary dull; choice in request; 1 cwc packers 13c; refined 14¾@15c; keg 14¾@15¼c. Sugar firm; inferior 5¾@6c; common to fully fair 6 5-8@7¼c; prime to choice 7¾@8c. Molasses in fair demand; stock diminishing; fair fermenting 46c; prime to choice 48@50c; fair boiling 52@53c; strictly prime to choice 60@65c. Whisky dull and nominal; Louisiana $1,08; western $1,09. Corn meal dull and lower at $3,95@4,00. Coffee quiet; fair to prime 18¾@19½c.

Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, February 23.—Flour dull; western superfine $4@$4,25; do extra $4,62½@5,25. Wheat steady; No 1 amber $1,20@1,21; No 2 $1,17 @1,18; No 3 $1,13@1,14. Corn steady and active; western mixed 65c. Oats firm; white western 57@ 58c; mixed 55@56c. Rye steady at $1,03@1,04. Barley quiet at $1,70@2,20. Bulk meats steady; shoulders 5¾c; clear rib 10¾@10¾c. Bacon steady; shoulders 7¾c; clear rib 11¾@11¾c. Butter steady; western rub 20@30c; choice 32@35c. Petroleum steady at 7¾@7¾c. Coffee dull; 17@19c. Whisky nominal; $1,05.

Foreign.

LONDON, February 23.—Tallow 39s 6d. Turpentine 28s 3d@28s 6d.

LIVERPOOL, February 23.—Cotton active and firmer; middling upland 7¼d; Orleans 7¾d; sales of 15,000 bales, including 4,000 bales speculation and export at 7¼@7¾d; 9,900 American. Breadstuffs steady. Receipts of wheat for the past three days 12,000 qrs, including 9,000 qrs American. Corn 34s@34s 3d.

ANTWERP, February 23.—Petroleum: refined, 90f.

Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, February 23.—Flour steady; extra $4; state and extra family $5@5,75. Wheat firm; red $1,18@1,20; amber $1,23. Rye 95c. Corn advancing; yellow 80c; mixed western 81@82c. Oats firm; white 69c; mixed western 67c. Provisions quiet. Pork $19,50@20. Whisky $1,08. Petroleum nominal. Clover seed steady at 9@9½c. Timothy $4,50. Flax seed $2. Butter steady; New York and Pennsylvania fancy rolls 35@37c; do firsts 33@34c; do rolls firsts 28@30c. Cheese firm and unchanged. Eggs lower; western 24@25c.

Toledo.

TOLEDO, February 23.—Flour steady and in moderate demand. Wheat dull and in moderate demand; No 1 white Wabash $1,20; No 2 do $1,18; No 1 white Michigan $1,19½; extra $1,15; amber $1,04. Seller April $1,09. Seller May $1,13. Corn; demand fair and market firm; high mixed 70½c; seller March 70c; seller May 74¼c; low mixed 69c; seller May 73½c; no grade 68c. Oats; demand fair and market firm; No 2 and Michigan 59c; white 61c. Clover seed $8,20.

Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, February 23.—Cotton firm and higher at 15¾c. Flour and Barley unchanged. Wheat steady at $1,09@1,10. Corn dull at 66@67c. Oats firm at 56@57c. Rye dull at 90c. Pork dull at $19,50 bid. Lard quiet at 13¾@13¾c. Bulk meats quiet; shoulders 6¾@7c; clear rib 9¾@9¾c; clear 10½@ 10¾c. Bacon firm at 8, 11@11¾c. Whisky steady and in moderate demand at $1,04.

Boston.

BOSTON, February 23.—Flour steady and in moderate demand; western superfine at $4,00@4,50; common extras $4,50@5,00; Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota $5,00@5,25; white wheat Ohio, Indiana and Michigan $4,25@5,00; Illinois $5,25@7,00; St. Louis $5,50@6; Kentucky Minnesota $7@8. Corn; mixed and yellow 87@88c. Oats firm; mixed western and white 70@74c.

Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, February 23.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat quiet; No 1 Milwaukee 91½c; No 2 86¼c. Oats scarce and higher; No 2 54c. Corn in good supply; No 2 mixed in store 61½c. Rye a shade firmer; No 1 in store $1,12½. Barley dull and demoralized; No 2 $1,12, seller March $1,10; No 3 $1,02.

St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, February 23.—Cotton firm at 12¾@15c. Flour firmer; superfine $4,10@4,25. Wheat and Barley unchanged. Corn firm at 60@ 62c. Oats firm at 49c. Rye scarce at $1,03@1,05. Whisky nominal at $1,06; nearby at $1,05. Pork dull at $18,50. Bacon active and firm at 8½, 9¾, 10¾, 11@11¾c. Lard dull at 13¼c.

Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, February 23.—Cotton steady at 15c. Flour and Grain quiet and unchanged. Pork nominal at $19,50@20. Bacon firm; 8¾, 9¾, 11¾, 11¾, 11¾@11¾c. Bulk meats firm; 7¾, 7¾, 10½, 10¾c. Lard firm; good 14@14½c; tierces and kegs 15¼c. Whisky firm and unchanged at $1,05.

Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, February 23.—Wheat quiet and unchanged. Corn firm; shelled 71@72c; ears on track 66@66c. Oats firm; white 45c; No 1 State 61c; No 2 do 59c. Petroleum firm; standard white 11½c; Ohio test 11½c; small lots are 1@2c higher.

Nashville.

NASHVILLE, February 23.—Cotton steady at 13¾@13¾c. Flour quiet at $4,50@6,00. Wheat steady at $1,15. Corn quiet at 60c. Oats steady at 72½c. Provisions quiet and unchanged. Whisky in demand fair and market firm at $1,10.

Memphis.

MEMPHIS, February 23.—Cotton active at 15¼c; Flour firm and unchanged. Corn dull at 55c. Oats firm at 72c. Bulk meats easier at 7¼, 10¼@10¾c. Pork firm at $20,50@21. Lard firm and 25 unchanged.

Detroit.

DETROIT, February 22.—Flour quiet at $5@ 5,50. Wheat firm; amber 91@93½c; No 2 $1,11½. Corn quiet at 69¼c. Oats quiet and unchanged at 58½@59½c.

Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, February 22.—Flour steady at $5,75@6. Wheat steady at $1,03@1,15. Corn steady at 59@60c. Oats steady at 36@40c. Rye quiet at $1,04. Barley quiet at $1,20@1,25.

Oswego.

OSWEGO, February 23.—Wheat lower for spring; No 1 Milwaukee club $1,17. Corn steady at 87c. Barley quiet; Canada nominally $1,35.

Live Stock.

CHICAGO, February 23.—Cattle: receipts 2,500 head; market very dull, weak and easy for all grades; inferior to common mixed 2¾@3¼c; stockers 3@4¼c; butchers' cattle 2¾@4¼c; ordinary to extra shipping 4¼@5¾c; shipments 2,000 head. Hogs: receipts 18,000 head; market dull and weak; 10@15c lower; shipping grades $5,75@6; common to prime packing $6,10@6,40; heavy $6,40@6,90; shipments 7,500. Sheep: receipts 3,000 head; no sales; market nominally lower; inferior to extra $4,75@6,25.

BUFFALO, February 23.—Cattle: receipts 1,313 head; total for the week 5,163; market moderately active, but not much stock offering; owners holding for an advance. Sheep and lambs: receipts 400; total for the week 11,600; market dull, and prices 1@2c off; twenty-three cars in yards unsold. Hogs: receipts 800; total for the week 2,800; market moderately active; Yorkers $6,60@6,85; heavy hogs $6,25@6,40; stillers 250 lbs $7,05.

WATERTOWN, MASS., February 23.—Beef cattle: receipts 163; supply light; trade dull; choice $10,75; extra $9,75@10,50; first quality $8,00@9,20; second $6,50@7,50; third $5,25@5,50. Sheep and lambs: receipts 1,588 head; trade a shade better than for some weeks past; prices advanced ½c; sales in lots at $2,50@5,75 each; extra $6@7.

ST. LOUIS, February 23.—Hogs scarce and firm; choice lots wanted; Yorkers $6,60@6,80; packing $6@6,75. Cattle firm and active; sales of good native steers at 5¾c; fair do $5,25@5,35.

CINCINNATI, February 23.—Hogs lower; common to medium $6,25@7,50; good firm at $7,75@ 7,90; choice $7,90@7,95.

Wool.

PHILADELPHIA, February 23.—Wool quiet but firm; medium and combing scarce; Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia X 45@46c; X delaine 46@47c; medium 50@52c; coarse 50@52½c; New York, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois X 45@ 46c; medium 50@52c; coarse 50@51c; combing washed 46@47½c; do unwashed 48@50c; fine unwashed 36@37c; coarse and medium do 40@42c; tub washed 55@56c; extra and merino pulled 45@50c; No 1 and super pulled 43@45c.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, February 23.—There was a moderate package demand for staple cotton goods, which are strong at current prices. Brown sheetings and fine and medium bleached shirtings are closely sold up in all leading makes. Shirting prints are fairly active, but fancies are quiet. Ginghams are in good demand. Dress goods are improving, and cotton hosiery is active. Fancy cassimeres are quiet, but worsted coatings are in steady request.

Cotton.

NEW YORK, February 23.—Cotton quiet at 16@ 16¼c; futures closed easy; sales of 47,500 bales; February 15 15-32c; March 15 29-32c; April 16 9-32@ 16 5-16c; May 16 31-32c; June 16 15-16@17c; and for August 17 3-16@17 7-32c; August 17 5-16@17 11-32c; September 16¾@16¾c.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 23.—Cotton: good inquiry at the opening; sales 4,650 bales; movement checked by factors asking ¼@⅜c higher rates; buyers refusing to follow; factors subsequently meeting this demand freely, but the market remained quiet, closing at a partial advance of ⅛c; good ordinary to strict good ordinary 14½@14¾c; low middling to strict low middling 14¾@15⅛c; middling to strict middling 15⅜@15½c; good middling to middling fair 15¾@15¾c; receipts 4,344 bales; exports to France 6,825 bales; stock 297,679 bales; unsold last evening 152,209 bales; on shipboard 148,000 bales.

Chicago Provisions Trade—Weekly Review.

The past week was rather a quiet one in the market for provisions, and the aggregate trading exhibited somewhat less than the usual activity, probable on account of the unusual activity which prevailed during the previous weeks of the packing season. With the close of next week the regular packing season ends, and the operators are, to some extent, holding off until the final returns of the packing of the West shall be given to the public. There is considerable anxiety manifested among operators regarding the average weight and yield of hogs —the question of numbers being pretty well settled. A good share of the trading during the week was in the way of settlement or transfers of contracts from one month to another at the current differences, and about 30c per bbl on Mess Pork, 25c per 100 lbs on transactions shows considerable. The record of values, and on the whole a large business has been established. There appears to be a little more disposition to sell for future delivery, but buyers are slow to take hold, and the bulk of the speculative transactions was credited to outside parties. The advices from the Eastern and foreign markets indicate little change. The export movement continues fair, though a fair proportion of the product going forward is being shipped by manufacturers in this country to their houses in Europe. The shipments of pork from here during the week were quite large, and consisted principally of lots which were being transferred to Eastern markets to be overhauled and prepared for the summer trade. The rate of freight is low, and operators are taking advantage of previously made contracts. The same circumstances prevail in the movement of lard, though not to such an extent, as it is understood that a good share of the shipments were made to fill contracts in the Eastern markets for this month. The shipments of meats are more generally distributed—the foreign, Eastern and Southern markets, obtaining moderate amounts. Purchasers experienced considerable difficulty in obtaining fully cured lots to fill specific orders, as the recent cold weather has rendered the process of curing slow and tedious. The greater portion of these were taken for the Southern trade to meet the wants of the merchants in that section. There was also a little inquiry for meats for some Western points, which have generally slaughtered hogs sufficient to supply the wants of their trade. There was considerable inquiry for meats for future delivery, and there is little doubt but sales were quite liberal, though transacted in a quiet way. The receipts of country packed product continue liberal, though no doubt including some through shipments from interior points. To-day there was a fair degree of activity displayed in this market, but prices ruled easy for most articles and rather irregular. Trading was mainly on speculative account, and largely in the way of transfers from one month to another at the current differences. The advices from other markets were not particularly favorable to holders, and they were generally ready to sell in a quiet way. The receipts of hogs were moderate, but prices ruled lower, which had some effect on the feature of the market in a

HOME NEWS.

Another Horse Thief Captured.

Another of the horse thieves has been captured. His name is Henry Kriter, and he is also wanted by the Sheriff of Armstrong county to answer a charge of burglary. Kriter seems to have his hands full.

Unsuccessful Attempt to Burglarize.

Yesterday morning at an early hour, an attempt was made by some thieves to rob the liquor store of Mr. John Donaldson, on Liberty street. The thieves were working away industriously at the door, when their operations were interfered with by the approach of some persons, and they were frightened off. They did not succeed in getting inside.

Policemen's Clothing.

The Police sub-committee on Clothing held a meeting last night in Municipal Hall and awarded the contract for making police uniforms, metropolitan style, to B. Oppenheimer at $38 per suit; $24 for overcoats, $20 for dress coat, $8 for pantaloons, and $5 for vests. The contract for furnishing caps, including wreath and number, was awarded to A. Arenfeld at $30 per dozen. Harry McGregor, of Allegheny, offered to furnish the caps at $24 per dozen. H. Straub was awarded the contract for supplying belts at $2.25 apiece, or $24 per dozen.

TRAMPS.

What Shall be Done With Them?

Last evening the special committee of Allegheny Councils appointed to take some action with reference to tramps, held a meeting and discussed the matter at some length. The decision arrived at was that they ought to be put at work or imprisoned, and Mr. McKelvy was appointed to look into the law on the subject and report what authority Councils had in the premises.

THE TWO-THIRD TAX.

The Decision by the Supreme Court—The Appeal of the City Dismissed.

The residents of the rural districts were jubilant yesterday by the intelligence which came from Philadelphia to the effect that the Supreme Court had affirmed the decision of the lower Court on the Kitty Roup case. This decision affirms the legality of the two-third rate in those wards mentioned in the Consolidation act as rural. The opinion was delivered by Chief Justice Agnew, who also said: "Owing to the importance and difficulty of the questions in this case, it has been twice argued, and yet there is a difference of opinion among the members of the Court, preventing a unanimous satisfactory even to the larger number. The majority, however, unite in affirming the decision of the Court of Common Pleas, applicable to the city of Pittsburgh in the same form that will make it compact to the Constitution. Decree affirmed with costs and the appeal dismissed."

FATAL MISTAKE.

Death from a Dose of Poison.

On Wednesday, Major Isaac Uncapher, a former member of the Legislature from Westmoreland county, took a dose of poison by mistake, and died in a short time. He resided at Mt. Pleasant, and had received from the physician two prescriptions—one for himself and the other for his wife, the latter to be used externally, or not being rank poison. When he came home, by mistake, he took the wrong medicine. Discovering his error immediately, he drove in all haste in his sleigh to the physician's office, but on arrival there he was too late, and the poison had almost done its work. All remedies failed, and he died almost immediately.

The deceased was a well-known gentleman. He was Major in the Eleventh Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers during the last war, and has also been in the Mexican War.

The funeral will take place from Greensburg on Friday.

ALLEGHENY POOR BOARD.

Opposition to the Proposed Change.

Yesterday afternoon the Board of Poor Directors of Allegheny City held a meeting to take into consideration a new law which is now before the Legislature. This law does away with the present system, and makes the Board consist of but six persons, and also makes some other changes to correspond.

A letter was read from Representative H. M. Long to Secretary McGonnigle, asking the opinion of the Board on the bill, and requesting the Secretary also to have the matter brought before Council.

The matter was discussed at some length and the general opinion expressed that the bill was a good one, but persons who spoke were not satisfied, for some personal reasons, with the Board, and was really not an improvement over the present system. The Board accordingly unanimously voted against it, and appointed a committee to prepare resolutions opposed to the passage of the act.

The Board also, on motion of Mr. Grubbs, decided to admit the reporters to their meetings.

On motion of Mr. Speer it was decided to apportion the membership so that two members of the Board could visit the Home each week.

Adjourned.

OLD FASHIONED SPELLING MATCH.

A Suggestion in the Interest of the Poor

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

GENTLEMEN:—I observe that in the State of Ohio particularly there appears to be a sort of a revival of the old custom of having spelling matches. It has taken an epidemical form, and is rapidly advancing in this direction. I would suggest to Mrs. Levi Wade, or to any others who are interested in caring for the wants of the poor, that a very efficacious method of raising money would be by holding one of these old fashioned spelling matches in any one of the halls of the city, say Library Hall or the Academy of Music. Make the price of admission moderate, about twenty-five or fifty cents, also have and offer a prize of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary to the best speller. The entertainment would prove to be so novel in character to the city, though quite common in the rural districts, that I feel assured it would have the effect of filling any hall in Pittsburgh. The programme could be varied with vocal and instrumental music, or with anything else that might be deemed appropriate. If this suggestion strikes any one as practicable or worth carrying into effect I would be pleased to hear from them through the columns of the GAZETTE, or any other city journal. INQUIRER.

WM. H. HAGAN.

Resolutions of Respect.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central Passenger Railway Company, held at the office of E. P. Jones, Esq., yesterday afternoon, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty One to summon by His messenger Death, our late associate and co-worker, Wm. H. Hagan, and

WHEREAS, He was by his frank, open-hearted and sociable qualities, esteemed a social associate and companion, and by his energy, good business habits and qualifications was prominent in the management of the affairs of this company, therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Wm. H. Hagan this company has lost an earnest and active supporter, the community an honest and upright citizen, and the members of this board a friend and associate who was justly esteemed for his many good qualities.

Resolved, That we tender to his sorrow stricken wife and bereaved relatives our heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved, That the President of this Board be charged with the sad duty of acquainting the family of our deceased friend with this expression of our regard and sympathy.

E. P. JONES, President.

CHAS. P. DUFF, Secretary.

OBITUARY.

Death of David E. Park.

Another of our veteran men of business has passed away. On Monday, the 22nd instant, at 1 o'clock P. M., Mr. David Edgar Park died at his residence in Allegheny City, in the 57th year of his age. We have known him since his tenth year. He was a native of this city, born in what we now call Third avenue; was trained for a business life in the store of his father, who was one of our earliest and most honorable merchants, distinguished for devotion to business, the highest mercantile probity, and for his great success. The elder Park, in his lifetime, took his sons David and James into copartnership, and thus formed the firm of James Park & Sons. At his death in 1845 the firm name became James Park Jr. & Co., this in the course of time became Park, McCurdy & Co., and upon the retirement of Mr. McCurdy was changed to Park & Co., the name of the present firm. He was also at its inception and until within the past two years a member of the firm of Park, Bro. & Co., proprietors of the Black Diamond Steel Works. His younger brother, James Park, Jr., who survives him was likewise a member of all these firms. The house was established in 1812 or 1815 and has been continued to this day at the same stand in Second avenue. The subject of this notice having been an active member of the firm for about 35 years and throughout all these years has ranked with the most honorable and successful of the merchants of Pittsburgh, he belonged to a type of men somewhat rare; he was never a type of men somewhat rare; he was never known to participate in any public gatherings, avoided all sorts of notoriety, was unostentatious, slow to contract intimacies, but faithful to his friends, methodical in all his ways, esteemed by all who knew him, and most by those who knew him best. He was a member, for many years, of the First Presbyterian church, and died in the faith in which he had lived. The death of a man so prominent in the business walks of life, and so worthily esteemed for his private worth, is always felt as a loss to the community. The circle of business men is broken. A void exists that will be much felt. An honest and a useful man is no more. He will be greatly lamented. Our warmest sympathies go out to the bereaved family and the sorrowing relatives.

EXECUTION OF ORTWEIN.

He Pays the Penalty of his Horrible Crime.

The Doomed Man Meets his Fate with a Brave Heart—The Services in the Jail—His Remarks on the Scaffold—The Confession Made to his Counsel—His Will—Disposition of his Body.

The execution of Ernst Ortwein, the murderer of the Hannett family, took place in the jail yard yesterday, in the presence of a crowd of about one hundred persons. Long before the arrival of the hour of execution a large multitude of people congregated on the streets around the Court House, and the pavements on Fifth avenue were so crowded that it was almost impossible for footmen to make their way through the dense throng. It had been announced that the gate would be opened for the admission of those having tickets at eleven o'clock, and one of Sheriff Hare's deputies was at his station promptly at the time and permitted only those to enter who had cards of admission. The crowd about the gate became so noisy and excited that it became necessary to place a strong police force on duty in order to preserve order. This being done, a passage way was kept open and travel was not so much impeded. On going inside, those invited to witness the sad spectacle were seen gathered together in small groups discussing what was soon to follow. Sheriff Hare and Captain Cluley were stationed in the Sheriff's office, where they remained until about ten minutes before twelve o'clock.

THE SERVICES IN THE JAIL.

The services in the jail had been begun at about eight o'clock in the morning, at which time the spiritual advisers of the doomed man visited his cell. Portions of Scripture were read and prayers were offered up in his behalf. At half-past eleven o'clock the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, and twenty minutes after the beginning of this service, Sheriff Hare and Captain Cluley left their quarters for Ortwein's cell. Finding that the devotional exercises were still in progress, they tarried a moment when Sheriff Hare advanced and told the prisoner that his time had come. The sheriff took the position in front and Ortwein supported by Revs. F. A. Hershberger, of this city, and Mr. Gerber, of Youngstown, Ohio, with Captain Cluley and Warden Smith, together with the prisoner's counsel in the rear, began their march toward the scaffold. Before starting, however, the arms of the doomed man were securely tied close to the body. The company passed out into the jail office, ascended the stairway into the Criminal Court room, came down the stairs near the door into the Prothonotary's office, and then passed through the window near the door of the Sheriff's office out into the jail yard, where the scaffold was erected. All the time Rev. Mr. Hershberger was praying, which was continued until the trap door had been reached.

THE FIRMNESS OF THE PRISONER.

Ortwein showed no fears of his impending doom, and though he knew he would soon be ushered into another world he faced death manfully to the very end. The only sign which betrayed fear was when his eyes fell upon the instrument which was to launch his soul into eternity. At this moment a slight change in his countenance could be discerned, but he instantly recovered himself and moved forward with a firm step and calmness which has characterized his demeanor since his imprisonment. He ascended the steps of the scaffold with comparative ease, and manifested no signs of emotion or breaking down under the solemnity of the occasion. Having taken his place upon the trap doors, his spiritual advisers offered up a short prayer, then he kneeled and joined in the singing, each placing their hands upon his head at the same time. This completed, he arose to his feet, and the Sheriff asked him if

HE HAD ANYTHING TO SAY,

when he replied, "What I have to say is this: I suffer what I deserve. I committed the murder. I am willing to die. I most heartily thank you all for the kindness shown to me. May God have mercy on my soul, and I hope to meet all in heaven, for Christ's sake." When he had finished these remarks he was placed in the proper position, with his face towards the West, and after shaking hands with the Sheriff and Minister, the noose was slipped over his head and a white cap placed over his face to hide the contortions during the struggle with death. While the cap was being adjusted he uttered the following prayer: "Father, into Thy hands I commend my soul! Thou has delivered me, O Lord, my God." After perfecting the arrangements, Sheriff Hare descended the steps of the scaffold and on reaching the ground turned around to see that the prisoner had not moved.

THE FATAL MOMENT.

The treadle was then touched and with a heavy "thug" the doomed man dropped a distance of about forty inches and his soul was ushered into the presence of Him who gave it. The fall dislocated the spinal column which caused him to die without much struggling. Half a minute elapsed before there were any movements of the body, and a heaving of the chest was then perceptible, which continued for about a minute. The body swung around two or three times, but the physicians, Drs. Pollock, Gilmore and McKelvey were soon at hand examining the pulse, and their motions could be noticed for about three minutes, at which time another motion of the chest could be seen, and all was over. Justice was satisfied, and the law vindicated. The drop fell at ten and a-half minutes past twelve o'clock, and five and one-half minutes thereafter his pulse ceased to beat. His face and hands assumed a purplish hue, and when life became extinct the rope wedded itself in his fleshy neck. In falling, the cap was moved so that a small portion of his face was visible, but its contortions could not be seen distinctly.

CONDITIONS OF THE PULSE.

Dr. McKelvey took the conditions of the pulse at the following intervals after the drop fell. The treadle was touched at 12:03½:

At 12:03¾, no pulse.
At 12:04½, irregular pulse.
At 12:05¼, 20 beats per minute.
At 12:05¾, 28 " "
At 12:06, 34 " "
At 12:07½, 130 " "
At 12:08, 60 " "
At 12:08½, feeble and irregular.
At 12:09, ceased.

A YELL OUTSIDE.

The instant the drop fell, the crowd on the Diamond street side sent up a hideous yell in token of their approval of what was going on within. The yell was kept up for fifty minutes, after which it was taken down and placed in a neat coffin and conveyed into the Sheriff's old office. Here the physicians made an examination of the pupil of the eye by means of lenses, which continued half an hour. The remains were then left in care of the undertaker and the crowd began to disperse.

THE JURY.

In compliance with the requirements of the law, a jury was impaneled by the coroner to view the execution, comprised of the following persons: Wm. Wellah, H. B. Long, J. I. Risher, John Wampler, James Verner, Wm. Heasy, James McDonald, Joseph Barrington, Wm. Woods, Daniel O'Neill, Samuel Hastings and B. B. Cornish.

Among others who were in attendance were Judge Kirkpatrick, Prothonotary Barker, Coroner McCallin, Chief Engineer White, of the Fire Department, Sheriff Fleming, County Commissioner Becker, County Treasurer Kilgore, Robert McElheny, Mrs. Hannett's brother, Sheriffs Guffey, of Westmoreland county, and McClure, of Mercer county, and also the Sheriff of Green county. The prisoner was dressed in a plain black suit, and after all was over, Judge Kirkpatrick, in conversation with a friend, remarked that the conduct of Ortwein was the "most extraordinary exhibition of stoicism that he had ever seen in his life." Quite a number of persons seemed determined to witness the execution, and in going through the rooms of the Court House yesterday, half a dozen men were found secreted in different parts of the building. They were marched to the outside and failed to have their desires gratified. It is supposed that they had got in on Monday about noon, before the gates were closed, and had remained there all night. In conversation with the Rev. Mr. Hershberger, our reporter learned from that gentleman that he had the greatest faith in Ortwein's repentance and preparation for death. He said it was his confidence in a full salvation that enabled the prisoner to maintain his self-composure in such an eminent degree. Everything passed off smoothly, and great credit is due Sheriff Hare for the coolness with which he performed his difficult task.

A CONFESSION.

Ortwein made a confession to his counsel on the eighth day of last June, the exact words of which was taken down by Mr. Luty, which are as follows:

Ernst Ortwein is my name. I was born the 25th of April, 1846. I am 28 years old. There were six boys and three girls in our family, and we lived at Flein, Wuttenberg, a wine growing country. My father's name was John. He died in 1870. My mother is living. They are living in Wuttenberg. Frederika Ortwein is the eldest, then came William, then Jacob, then myself. My mother has a little land. I went to school from my sixth to my fourteenth year. It was a Protestant school. Our family were Protestants. Don't know the name of the minister; think it was Weissart. I worked for father until I went to the military. I was twenty-one years of age when I went to the military. It was the *landwehr* (a term for militia). For 7 years I went in the *landwehr*. In 1867, I was two and a half years with the *landwehr*, and one year in the Franco-Prussian war. I was compelled to go. The first battle I was in was at Worth, the second was at Lichtenberg, and the third before Paris. I received my pass from the army after we marched into Paris. I received my discharge in Wuttenberg. Then I worked at home until November, 1872, when I came to America. I sailed from Bremen. I was fourteen days at sea. The ship "Hansa," that I sailed on, landed in New York. I was with my countrymen three weeks until I got work. I got work on a farm at Oak land Station, twenty miles from New York, with Peter Reinser. I was there five months, then I went to New York. Then I went to work with another farmer named John Retzer, near Jersey City, across from New York. I worked here four months.

WORKED ON THE RAILROAD.

I could not get any more work there, and I went to work on the railroad, 15 miles from the road that goes to New York. I worked here one month. I slept in the cellar with the foreman. His name was Fred. I don't know his last name. I had some of my countrymen there. I then met a countryman by the name of Wm. Byers. He was a wagonmaker. I was with him five or six days, and I slept at his house. I then went to another countryman, a butcher named Philip Kos. I helped him butcher two months. Kos lived in Birmingham. I was there from November, 1873, to January, 1874. I went to Hannett's on the 22d of January, 1874, as a farm hand. Some persons on the street told me he wanted a man, and they sent me there.

EMPLOYED BY JOHN HANNETT.

The first work I did was with Mr. Hannett. Mr. Hannett and myself hauled apples and potatoes to the first month I got $10. The other month I would have got $15 a month. I and the boy Smith slept in one room, in the second story. Mr. Hannett and his wife also slept in the second story. The Hannetts' room was opposite mine. The room of all the family was opposite mine. All of the children slept in the same room with Mr. Hannett and his wife. The oldest was Ida, and the youngest Emma. They only had two children. I drank a glass of beer that day and a glass before. When Mr. Hannett and I sold the apples and potatoes, he would give me a glass or so. I ate at the same table with the family. I did not know nor did I think about the Hannett's having money. We never had any quarrel. I was never sick at the Hannetts. I was always at Hannett's here and there, and would go to Homestead to church on Thursday night. On Wednesday we split rails. We fixed fence that week. Made post holes on Thursday with Mr. Hannett. Quit work about five and a half or six o'clock; went to supper about half an hour afterwards. There were neighbors there at supper time. The Hannett's went away with the neighbors. At dinner time they talked about going away after supper. I did not understand what they said clearly. They did not tell me to sit up for them. They went away about five or six times before. We sat up for them sometimes when Mr. Hannett told us not to go to bed.

THE VISIT TO NEIGHBOR WESTS.

About seven o'clock they went up to a neighbor's. After Hammett and his wife went away, the boy Smith and I cut hay and fed the horses and we went to bed by candlelight. Then I went to Homestead. The boy Smith was not along. Left the children and the boy up in the house. I went to Homestead for fifty cents worth of sugar for the Hannetts and for tobacco to smoke for me. After supper Mrs. Hamnett asked me if I was going to Homestead, and I said "yes." She said, "bring me fifty cents worth of sugar." Homestead is a mile from Hannett's. It was dark when I started. I met a boy, about ten years of age, on the way. I went to a saloon and got two glasses of beer. The saloon is not far away from the school where church is held. At the saloon three or four sat at the table playing cards or something else. I remained in the saloon about fifteen minutes; then I went to the store for sugar and tobacco. I also bought candy for the children. As often as I went down to buy anything, I bought candy for the children. A man came in while I was in the store, and I left him there remaining in the store fifteen or twenty minutes, then went home. Rode on the horse to Homestead. Mr. Hannett told me to take a horse when I went to Homestead. I had my things in a pocket handkerchief and started home; met no one on the road. Tied my bundle to a strap while riding home. The thought of doing the act did not come into my mind. I put the bundle into the stable before I went into the house. When I went in I saw the children sitting together in a little room next to the kitchen. The boy Smith was with them. When I went in the two little girls ran toward me and said

"ERNST, HAVE YOU ANY CANDY,"

and I said "yes." I then gave them the candy. They cut it up, ate one-half that evening, and put the other half away for the next day. I sat by them while they ate the candy. I was standing in the room near the fire, and the boy Smith took the children to bed; a good half hour from the time I came. Smith came down after he took the children to bed. We sat by the fire and Smith brought me a bucket of beer. I and then we went to bed. We went to bed together about ten o'clock. There was two dogs about the house. We let the dogs out and shut the front door; did not lock it. When we went to bed, we took a small lamp with us. I slept in front of the bed. I did not sleep. The boy laid there as asleep. I do not know if he was asleep. I laid awake there about fifteen minutes. I could not sleep, because suddenly something came to me, like something flying to me. I got very wild. I do not know what it was. That something said nothing to me. I do not know how the thought came to me to do this. Don't know how it came to me, and can't tell myself. First knowledge I had of doing anything wrong was on the road—on the road to Homestead which I was walking towards Pittsburgh. I had only my stockings, pants and shirt on. This was about 400 steps from the house. At short steps I